

AID-TO-BRITAIN POLICY TO MEET NEW OPPOSITION

Senate Foes of Course to Attempt to Form Dis- senting Bloc

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Increasing senatorial demands that the administration seek to bring peace in Europe coincided today with efforts to organize congressional opposition to President Roosevelt's aid-to-Britain policy.

Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) declared that "there will be a decided move in the senate for restitution of real neutrality."

"Real neutrality does not result from furnishing the implements of war," he told reporters. "It will be possible to organize a sufficient group, which, working independently, will support a positive policy against war."

Both McCarran and Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) commented that if the warring nations could cease hostilities on Christmas, "they ought to be able to stop for all time."

Talk of peace proposals came at a time when 169 men and women, many of them in various fields, telegraphed Roosevelt "to do everything that may be necessary to insure defeat of the axis powers."

The telegram was made public at the White House without comment. Lewis W. Douglas, former budget director, said at New York that he was one of the originators of the round robin.

Wants Objectives Declared
Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) declared in a statement that if the time has come for "unlimited American underwriting of British war objectives, then certainly the time has come for these objectives to be authentically declared."

Predicting an eventual negotiated peace, he said:

"It is not appeasement. It is simply enlightened self interest, to inquire at any time whether a rational basis may not be found upon which to terminate this destruction. An American inquiry, addressed to all concerned, would be particularly effective in this direction if it were generally understood that the price of refusal to accept a just and realistic formula might be our own powerfully enlarged activity."

Vandenberg said he favored aid to England "within the present limits—(1) that we do not become a co-belligerent unless we are directly challenged and (2) that we do not dissipate the essential nucleus of our own defense."

Senator Clark (D-Mo.) declared this nation should mind its own business.

"We've thrown away any effective opportunity we've had to be an intermediary (for peace) because of the belligerents," Clark told reporters. "I don't believe anybody would look upon this administration as an impartial mediator."

COMMENT ON PLEA

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The No Foreign War Committee asserted today in a statement that the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies had "been taken over lock, stock and barrel by the element of its membership which believes the United States should actively intervene in the war in Europe."

"No other interpretation is possible from their telegram to the White House," said Verne Marshall, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, editor and chairman of the No Foreign War Committee.

Marshall referred to an appeal yesterday to President Roosevelt by 169 persons, who urged the president to "make it the settled policy of this country to do everything that may be necessary to insure the defeat of the axis powers."

Marshall's statement said that "many of the most prominent signers" of the appeal to the president were members of "The William Allen White Committee."

The committee to defend America by aiding the allies is headed by William Allen White, Emporia, Kas., editor.

Senate Responsible

"They have the effrontery," Marshall said of the presidential petitioners, "to infer that the United States not only is unable to defend itself but incapable of producing enough to equip itself with adequate defense. By use of such catch phrases as 'hold the world at bay' they hope to stampede unthinking people of this nation into endorsement of their policy—which means but one thing—war for the United States."

"Most Americans who are devoted to the interests of their own nation first and foremost," Marshall said, "understand that the policy-making body of our government is the United States senate, responsible directly to the people."

To endorse a policy which could "land this nation in war almost overnight," he said, "when the country is still unprepared, is 'criminal in its recklessness x x.'"

Minnie Missing

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Peter's back, but Minnie doesn't live here anymore.

It was in the winter of 1936 that Peter, a squirrel, discovered that a long leap from his favorite bough would land him beside the breakfast table in the Edward Saarela home on the north side.

It wasn't long before Peter brought his mate, Minnie, in for a bite or two. For four years the squirrels made their headquarters around the Saarela home. When spring came they disappeared.

This fall the Saarelas moved a block away. What about the squirrels?

Well, on Christmas Day there was Peter to scamper off with a package of cigarettes for his Yuletide present.

Minnie, however, failed to appear.

Draft Objectors Will be Assigned Work Camps if Fit

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—(AP)—

Conscientious objectors to military training whose names are called up for one year's service will be sent to work camps if they are found to be physically fit, state draft Director Paul G. Armstrong said today.

Armstrong said in a statement that he had been informed by national selective service headquarters that camps will be established under the supervision and administration of the selective service system.

The conscientious objectors would be assigned to work on conservation and reforestation projects, the planning and engineering features of which will be undertaken by agencies in the federal department of the interior, the statement said.

Details of the work program have not been announced. Armstrong's statement said the civilian work camp program for objectors has the approval and co-operation of the National Council for Conscientious Objectors.

In another announcement, the state selective service director said national headquarters had disapproved suggestions for an official symbol to be designated for display by families of men selected for military training.

Urges Public Schools Be Not Neglected in U. S. Defense Efforts

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—(AP)—

B. F. Shafer of Freeport, president of the Illinois Education Association, urged in an address at the organization's 87th annual convention that public schools not be neglected during the national defense effort.

Calling education "democracy's greatest defense," Shafer told delegates:

"What will it profit us to save democracy for today unless youth is so educated as to be able to carry on tomorrow?"

"During the depression we know what public services suffered most. We remember the closed school buildings, the payless paydays and the sacrifices which our members made in order to keep the schools open. These situations are still vivid in our memories and must not be allowed to occur again."

Dutch Warships Being Completed in British Yards; In Action Soon

London, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A Netherlands naval officer announced today that several unfinished Netherlands warships brought across the channel when the Germans invaded the low countries last May are being completed in British harbors and would "soon" go into action.

He added that the Royal Dutch Navy, which is cooperating with the British navy, also would be swelled by one of the destroyers Britain received in the naval base deal with the United States.

Dixon Chamber of Commerce's Santa Claus Called at 57 Rural Schools

Santa Claus and his log cabin, provided by the merchant's division of the Dixon Chamber of Commerce, paid visits to 57 schools in the Dixon trade area in the three weeks he was active, it was announced today. These visits were aside from his daily appearance in the Dixon business district and a schedule was drafted to provide for his trips to rural schools during the day, although some calls for his presence at evening holiday programs were received.

The success of the Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus this season and the requests for return visits next year, indicate that the practice will be made an annual activity in the program of events. Already many teachers of rural schools who provided visits from Santa Claus to their students at the 1940 Christmas season, have made requests for return calls next season. Children of both the Nachusa and Peck orphanages

FIERCE BATTLE IN ALBANIA IS FOUGHT IN SNOW

Christmas Truce of R. A. F. and German Bomb- ers Ends

BULLETIN

Deal, England, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Following the quiet of the Christmas holidays, there was considerable air activity over the southeast coast today.

At dawn British reconnaissance planes were seen patrolling the coast and the English channel. In mid-morning a single German raider flew in from the channel and dropped a few bombs that fell harmlessly into the water near a small patrol vessel two miles off shore.

A low mist hung over mid-channel all day, reducing visibility to three or four miles.

By The Associated Press

The Italian command was reported to have thrown huge reinforcements into the Albanian conflict today as Greek dispatches told of one of the fiercest battles of the war raging in a heavy snow-storm in the Kilisura sector, gateway to the north.

Advices from the front said the fighting was developing on a broad scale, both at Kilisura Pass itself and to the north, with the Greeks launching a strong offensive and the Italians suffering "heavy losses" attempting "to defend his ground inch by inch."

Despite furious Italian resistance, these advices said, the Greeks were seizing new positions along with Italian prisoners and war materials. Numerous artillery duels were reported.

Kilisura is in the central sector of the 100-mile front.

On the other side of the world a sea raider flying the Japanese flag violently shelled the British-mandated island of Nauru in the South Pacific at daybreak, it was announced officially in Melbourne, Australia.

Christmas Truce Ends

Both R. A. F. and Nazi warplanes returned to action after the three-day Christmas truce, with British bombers pounding at the German-held "invasion" port of Bordeaux, on the French coast, and a lone Nazi plane reported near London.

British guns and planes continued their bombardment of an estimated 20,000 Italian troops besieged at the Libyan port of Bardia, and military sources in Cairo said that fall of the town awaited only attack orders from Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, the British commander.

The British troops could have taken the town at any time in the past two or three days, these sources said, but Sir Archibald dislikes to sacrifice any more troops than necessary.

Air Bases Bombed

Air bases for Italian fliers who have been harassing British ground forces encircling Bardia were reported bombed heavily in an attempt to drive the fascists out of the air. Because of recent changes in Italian air tactics, there was some speculation by the British that air arm commanders had been changed.

A continued retreat of Italian forces in southern Albania toward Valona was reported by the Greek high command, which said Greek

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Very Confusing

Aberdeen, S. D., Dec. 27.—(AP)—When Virgil Schense, 24, uses the license he got to marry Dorothy Nelson, 23, here's what will happen—all because Miss Nelson is the sister of Schense's father's second wife.

Dorothy will become her sister's daughter-in-law and her father-in-law's sister-in-law; Virgil will be his step-mother's brother-in-law, also the brother-in-law of his own father.

"I wanted to send something earlier," said one worker, "but I was unemployed. Just today I was promised a job starting after New Year's and out of my first week's pay I'm going to send you what I can. I know how bad tuberculosis can be."

CIO Proposal for Plane Production Is Being Studied

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today that the C. I. O. proposal designed eventually to produce 500 pursuit planes a day by pooling the entire facilities of the automobile industry was being seriously considered by the administration.

The plan was submitted to the White House by C. I. O. President Philip Murray several days ago. It was drawn by Walter P. Reuther, director of the General Motors division of the United Automobile Workers, a C. I. O. union.

Asked about it today, the president said it was being studied by the new defense production office directed by William S. Knudsen, former head of General Motors. Roosevelt added that the plan had been undertaken with the utmost seriousness and fine purpose.

Must Be Studied

He said it was a question of industrial production that no one in the administration would have any opinion about until it was studied thoroughly, but he declared if such a plan could be worked out it would be very helpful and constitute a real contribution to the defense program.

It was a question of technical management, the president said, and at this stage if he were a commentator he would not be able to write much about it because it was beyond his ken.

Reuther's plan envisioned a 500-a-day output of all-metal planes within six months.

Christmas Seals Sale in County Continues

Although the annual Christmas Seal campaign formally closed on Christmas Day, returns from sales are still coming in, it was revealed today by Edward A. Jones, president Christmas Seal drive.

"Here is a check for the Christmas Seals I received," wrote one late donor. "I'm sorry to be so slow, but I was out of town for a month before Christmas."

Another explained a late but substantial contribution by saying that he received an unexpected office bonus Christmas Eve, but didn't get his letter written until after Christmas.

"I wanted to send something earlier," said one worker, "but I was unemployed. Just today I was promised a job starting after New Year's and out of my first week's pay I'm going to send you what I can. I know how bad tuberculosis can be."

Former Pennsylvania Official Is Paroled

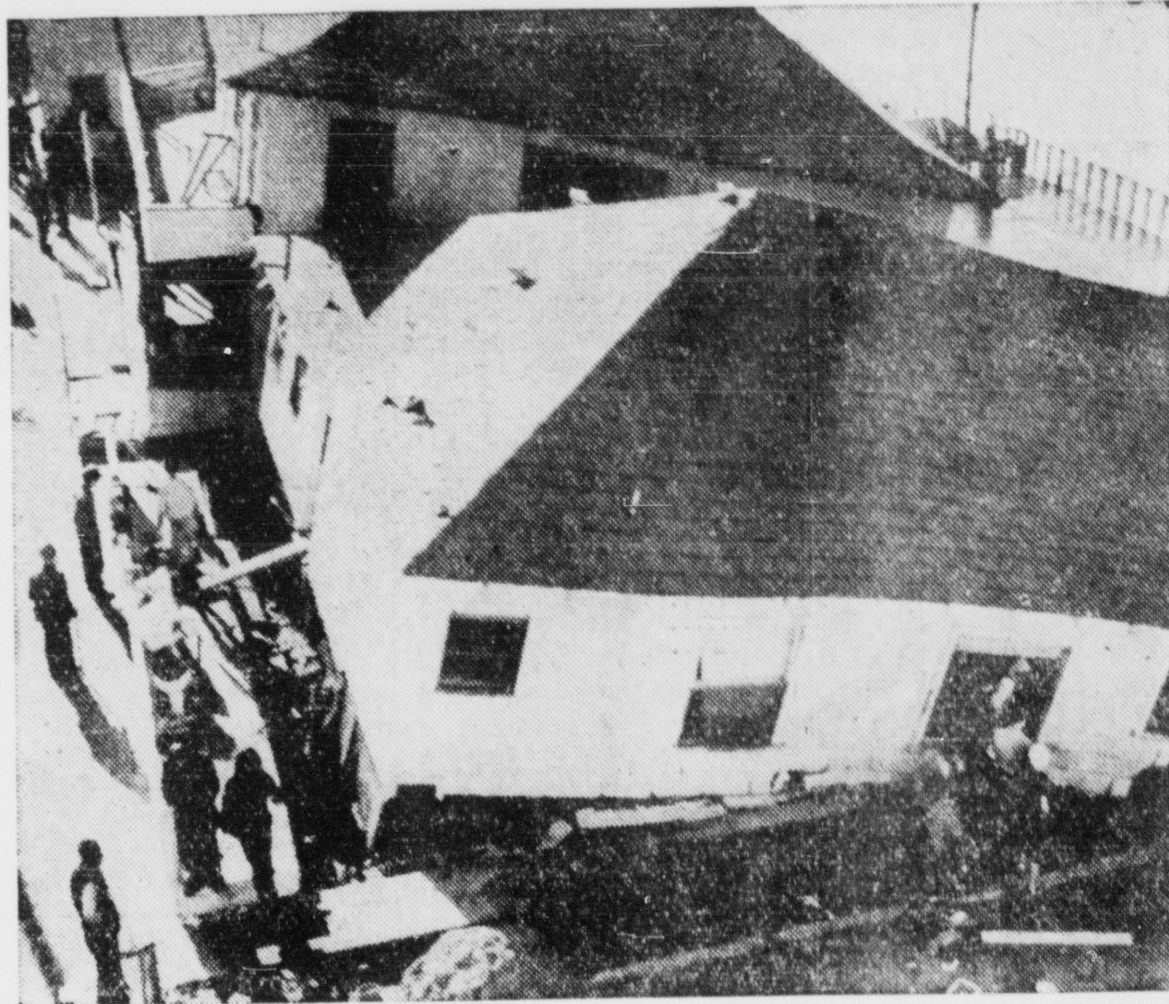
Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A parole was granted today to Roy E. Brownmiller, former Pennsylvania secretary of highways, who began a one-year sentence two months ago after being convicted on a charge of permitting padded payrolls during the 1938 election campaign.

Physicians had testified earlier that Brownmiller was ill and further confinement would imperil his life.

Brownmiller was a member of the cabinet of the former Governor George H. Earle, Pennsylvania's only Democratic executive in a 40-year period.

Accusations against him and other Pennsylvania Democratic leaders first were lodged during the hard-fought Democratic primary two years ago. Most of the others were acquitted.

Raging Surf Batters California Homes



Heavy seas and a high tide washed out the foundations of these Redondo Beach, Cal., homes, left them sagging limply in the sand. Deluged by nearly a week of storms, residents fled shore side communities.

(NEA Telephoto.)

Determination

Pittsburgh.—(AP)—Earl E. Leggett, Hutsonville, Ill., is in the army now, but it took a lot of determination and some cross-country excursions to bring it about.

When Leggett decided to enlist in the army, medical corps, he found his home-town quota filled. He then came here only to discover that he needed certain papers left in Illinois. So back he went, obtained the papers and returned once more to the steel city. Now he is assigned to the army medical corps barracks at Carlisle, Pa.

Terse News

Renewing Acquaintances—

Charles Hamilton, who about 25 years ago was Dixon's first motorcycle officer, was a visitor at the police station today where he renewed many old acquaintances. He is now residing in New York City where he is sales manager for a large concern.

Broken Water Main—

The basement of the Truman school on Third street and Lincoln avenue, was flooded yesterday afternoon from a broken water main. Several inches of water covered the floor but caused very little damage to the building which houses the Big Buddy club.

Alien Registration Ends—

The registration of alien citizens residing in Dixon and vicinity at the Dixon postoffice closed last evening. There were a total of 261 aliens registered and of this number 95 were residents of the Dixon state hospital. Yesterday, the final date for registration and fingerprinting, brought seven aliens to the post-office on the closing date.

To New Territory—

Stanley E. Worrell, field Scout executive in Whiteside county

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The Weather

FRIDAY, DEC. 27, 1940

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, and vicinity: Cloudy tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature; lowest to night 35; moderate northeast to north winds. Outlook for Sunday: Partly cloudy; slightly warmer.

Illinois: Cloudy, occasional rain east-central and extreme south tonight and extreme south Saturday; colder southeast and extreme south tonight; slightly warmer in northwest and west-central Saturday.

Wisconsin: Cloudy tonight and Saturday; occasional light snow or rain north portion; slightly warmer southwest and south-central Saturday.

Iowa: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Saturday; slightly warmer Saturday.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Weather forecast for the period from 6:30 p. m. Dec. 27, to 6:30 p. m. Jan. 1, inclusive (Central Standard Time):

Upper Mississippi Valley: Temperature will average above normal; no decided change during the period. Precipitation below average, occurring chiefly as light rain, extreme southern Illinois early in period and as occasional light local rain or snow northern Minnesota and northern Wisconsin.

For the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. Thursday: maximum temperature 48; minimum 35; cloudy; precipitation .04 inches, total for December to date 1.1 inches, total for year to date 28.48 inches.

Sun rises: Saturday at 7:23; Sunday at 7:24.

Sun sets: Saturday at 4:40; Sunday at 4:41.

Defenseless So. Pacific Island Shelled by Ship Flying Japanese Colors

The War Today!

BY DEWITT MACKENZIE

There are several reasons which might have impelled Herr Hitler to flood Rumania with German troops, but to me the most logical explanation is that he is trying to forestall a possible hostile Russian move during the projected invasion of England.

The Nazi fuhrer needs every ounce of air-power he can muster for this attack. He can't afford to have great numbers of warplanes drawn from this operation for use on his eastern front.

This fresh blitzkrieg against Britain is the biggest thing left in Nazi strategy. Successful invasion is the only sure road to quick victory—and time is beginning to tread on Hitler's heels.

The Nazi fuhrer lost his greatest opportunity to win the war when he failed to deliver the knockout blow to a staggering John Bull last summer, and the chances of failure in this new gamble (for that's what it is) are heavy. Therefore nothing can be allowed to interfere with the coming drive.

There's only one real possibility of outside military interference with the immediate Nazi program and that lies in Russia. The Muscovites have been showing increasing coolness towards Germany—a change which has coincided with the great military successes of Britain and her allies over Mussolini.

As the Germans pour troops into Rumania the bolsheviks are piling up forces opposite them. I believe they are massing tentatively against each other.

Perhaps we can get a better view of the present position if we look back just a bit. Observers generally long have recognized the likelihood that Germany and Russia would go to war with each other sooner or later—probably sooner. At the moment they are seeking domination to Rumania, and the three months of the great Danube, which forms a navigable waterway from the Black sea clear to Germany and thus becomes a lifeline of the reich. What they are after is a base for future offensive or defensive operations against each other, and for extension of their control down through the Balkans.

Russia made the surprise move of occupying Rumanian territory in June, and secured control of the northern most of the three mouths of the Danube. Hitler countered by occupying the rest of Rumania and making it virtually a protectorate.

That brings us up to the present. Recently the Russians, Germans and Italians met in conference to try to settle control of the Danubian mouths. This party has just broken up without success. Indeed, fist fights were reported between the bolsheviks and the fascists. To cap all this, reports from Bucharest quote Soviet diplomats as saying that Russia will occupy the mouths of the Danube after the first of the year.

A natural corollary to this is the troop movements. As I have said, I believe Hitler is mainly concerned with safeguarding his invasion plans. However, if you have watched his strategy carefully you will have observed that many of his major operations have been so planned as to serve in two or more ways. The present move is an excellent example of that military diplomatic craftsmanship. Here is what it does for him:

1. It provides a powerful strategic position either for defense or offense against Russia.
2. It is calculated to keep the bolsheviks quiet during the battle of Britain.
3. It completes Hitler's mastery of Rumania and insures his

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Raider Believed Nazi Vessel: Isle Under British Mandate

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies announced today that a sea raider had heavily shelled the island of Nauru shortly after daybreak today.

Menzies said the raider was sailing under a Japanese name and flying the Japanese colors.

Nauru is a former German island which was surrendered to Australian forces in 1914 and which has been administered by Britain under a mandate approved by the League of Nations in 1920.

The prime minister said there was considerable damage but no casualties from the shelling.

Nauru, which has an area of approximately 5,400 acres, is an atoll surrounded by a reef which is exposed at low tide.

It lies in the Pacific about 2-200 miles southwest of Hawaii and only 26 miles south of the equator. To the north of it are the Japanese-mandated Marshall islands.

Rich Phosphate Deposits

Nauru is chiefly valuable for its phosphate deposits, of which it exports nearly 1,000,000 tons a year.

Buildings and a plant on the island were said to have been damaged heavily.

"Nauru is entirely undefended against such an attack," Menzies declared in a statement, "and must be so under the League of Nations mandate."

"The enemy knows this fact, which removes any justification for his action, which is a greater crime because it was made under neutral colors. The raider attacked under a Japanese name and Japanese colors those of a country with whom we are at peace."

KNOW OF RAIDER
London, Dec. 27.—(AP)—British sources in London said today they were without information as to the shelling of Nauru, in the South Pacific, other than the announcement by Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies.

They pointed out that Nauru is a Guano island rich in nitrates but without strategic importance.

They said it was known that a German raider was operating in that general part of the Pacific in recent months.

BRITISH TAKE ACTION

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Evidence that the British are making strenuous efforts to catch German raiders operating in the South Pacific was seen today in an announcement that all ships heading for Fiji island ports must call first at Suva for orders.

Navy headquarters here said the new order becomes effective January 1.

Shipping circles said that control of all vessels in the area would make it difficult for raiders to provision at small island ports.

It also was believed that British and Dutch naval forces had mined certain areas in attempt to trap raiders.

Peoria Business Man Robbed of \$600 Today

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Gummen wearing dark glasses held up, slugged and robbed Boris Lipkin, manager of the Consolidated Beverage Company, of a \$600 payroll today.

Two robbers opened the door of Lipkin's automobile as he drove up to his place of business, menaced him with pistols and demanded the money which Lipkin had just gotten at a bank.

"You'll have to fight for it," he yelled.

"If that's the way you feel about it, okay," one robber replied. He dragged Lipkin from the car and slugged him with a pistol butt.

An automobile carrying two more men arrived then and all four of the robbers escaped in it.

London Uniform Makers Terminate 6-Day Strike

London, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Five thousand clothing workers decided today "in the national interest" to end their six-day strike over an army uniform factory's refusal to dismiss one man, Albert Lazenby, after he had been expelled from his union for alleged "breaches of union discipline."

Lazenby asserted that the union expelled him because he was "cutting too many pairs of khaki trousers an hour."

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A DETAILED STATEMENT OF ALL THE MONIES RECEIVED

into and Disbursed from the following Funds from December 1st, 1939 to end of Fiscal Year November 30th, 1940, by WARD T. MILLER, COUNTY TREASURER, State of Illinois, County of Lee, ss.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND RECEIVED	
1939—	
Dec. 1—Balance in Cash	\$ 61,336.83
Dec. 1—From County Clerk, Reimb.—To Lee County for Doctors fees paid in insanity cases of Chas. Lannen and now paid by his estate	14,010.53
Dec. 12—From Harvey O. Risetter, Supr. Willow Creek Twp. Partial refund for Special Right of Way	650.00
Dec. 13—From Willis M. Fry, Supt. Co. Home-Board of Inmates and Sale of Produce	764.30
Dec. 13—From Pat V. Lally, Supr. Marion Twp.—Refund of Loan for Special Right of Way	158.37
1940—	
Feb. 26—From County Clerk, Reimb.—To Lee County for Doctors fees paid in insanity cases of Chas. Lannen and now paid by his estate	10.00
Mar. 6—From Willis M. Fry, Supt. Co. Home-Board of Inmates and Sale of Produce	748.91
Mar. 8—From Harvey O. Risetter, Supr. Willow Creek Twp. Partial Refund of Loan for Purchase of Special Right of Way	225.00
Apr. 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Advance on First Settlement of 1939 tax	22,000.00
May 21—From G. P. Finch, Sheriff—Refund to County on 2 Insane cases	21.35
June 11—From Willis M. Fry, Supt. Co. Home-Sale of Produce and Board of Inmates	431.20
June 13—From Dr. A. F. Moore, Deputy Coroner—Refund of Jury fees, Anton Wauk case	6.00
June 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector—Balance of 1st settlement of 1939 tax	23,859.32
July 15—From Sterling Schrock—Refund to County for Ray Jennings—Insanity case	5.00
July 15—From D. H. Spencer, Dixon Twp. Supr.—Reimb. to Lee County for money expended for ex-soldier	19.00
July 18—From Sterling Schrock, Reimb. to Lee Co. for amount of Claim not allowed but paid by Error of Clerk Voucher No. 9587	59.80
Aug. 8—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Coll.—Advance on Final Settlement	20,000.00
Sept. 9—From Transfer of accts. as per order of Finance Committee of Board of Su-	

COUNTY GENERAL FUND PAID OUT

1939 and 1940—

March meeting—Orders Paid

June meeting—Orders Paid

September meeting—Orders Paid

December meeting—Orders Paid

COUNTY ORDERS

COURT REPORTER CERTIFICATES

INSANE JURY CERTIFICATES

CORONER'S JURY CERTIFICATES

COUNTY COURT JURY CERTIFICATES

CIRCUIT COURT JURY CERTIFICATES

FOX OR WOLF BOUNTY ORDERS

BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES

NOVEMBER 30th—Transferred to Co. Treasurer's Earning a-c Fees for receiving \$633.32 and disbursing funds other than tax a-c No. 79 (\$2910.77)

NOVEMBER 30th—BALANCE CASH

BALANCE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

COUNTY GENERAL FUND (Continued)

Detailed Statement Accounts No. 1-No. 82

1939

Pay Out

Nov. 30-'40

Balance

Nov. 30-'40

Overdrafts

1 Annual Audit of County Offices

2 Board of Review—Per Diem and Expenses

3 Board of Suprs. Per Diem, Committee Service and Mileage

4 Publishing Proceedings Board of Supervisors

5 Bovine Tuberculosis Service

6 Bovine Tuberculosis Office Expense

7 Circuit Clerk's Fees Attending Court

8 Circuit Clerk's Fees Recording

9 County Aid Building Township Bridges

10 County Clerk's Fees Attending Court

11 County Clerk's Fees Criminal Cases

12 County Clerk's Fees Issuing County Orders

13 County Clerk's Fees Recording

14 County Clerk's Fees—Recording Birth and Death Certificates

15 County Clerk's Fees—Revenue Work

15A County Clerk's Fees—Election Services

16 County Coroner's Office

17 County Coroner's Service Expense

18 County Home Provisions—Expense, etc.

18A Supplies for and Care of Inmates—County Home

19 County Home—Fuel

20 County Home—Light

21 Labor, Repairs, Material and Supplies—County Home

22 County Jail—Extra Help

23 County Jail—Fuel

24 County Jail—Light

25 Provisions for Prisoners—County Jail

26 County Jail—Repairs, Labor, Material, etc.

27 County Jail—Water

28 County Judge—Salary

29 County Judge—Office Expense

30 Salary Stenographer—County Judge

31 County Line—Repairing and Building Twp. Bridges County Boundaries

32 County Offices, Supplies, Printing and Stationery

33 Salary County Superintendent of Highways

34 Salary Stenographer County Superintendent of Highways

35 Field and Office Expense, County Superintendent of Highways

36 Field Services—County Superintendent of Schools

37 Incidental Expenses County Superintendent of Schools

38 Salary Assistant County Superintendent of Schools

39 Court House—Fuel

40 Court House—Lights

41 Court House—Repairs, Labor, Material, etc.

42 Court House—Water

43 Fees of Court Reporters—Criminal Cases

44 Expense of Delegates to Convention

45 Board and Care of Dependent Children

46 Expense of Holding Elections

47 Enforcement of Liquor Laws

48 Examining Blind for Blind Pensions

49 Physicians' Fees—Inquisition Cases

50 Public Liability Insurance

51 Salaries of Janitors—Court House

52 Meals for Jurors

53 Justice of Peace and Constable Fees

54 50-50 Maintenance Roads

55 Care of old soldiers and widows

56 Salary of Probation Officers

57 Premiums on Bonds—County Officers and Deputies

58 Statutory Fees of Sheriff—Attending Court

59 Statutory Fees of Sheriff Conveying Delinquent Children to Schools

60 Statutory Fees of Sheriff Conveying Insane to Hospitals

61 Statutory Fees of Sheriff Conveying Prisoners to State Farm

62 Statutory Fees of Sheriff, Discharging Prisoners at Jail

63 Sheriff's Fees—Guarding Jail

64 Sheriff's Fees—Criminal Cases

65 Sheriff's Fees—Preparing and Serving Meals

66 Sheriff's Fees—Receiving Prisoners at Jail

67 Sheriff's Fees—Venue Services

68 Special Right of Way—State Aid Roads

69 Salary of State's Attorney

70 Salary Stenographer—State's Attorney

71 Office Expense of State's Attorney

72 Telephone Rental All County Offices

73 Care of Transient Paupers

74 Payment of Birth and Death Certificates

75 Payment of Court Reporter Fees

76 Payment of Foreign Witness Fees

77 Payment of Jurors' Fees—All Courts

78 Payment of Fox and Wolf Bounties

79 Statutory Fees of County Treasurer

80 Contingent

81 W. P. A. Project

82 Special Investigator—Mother's Pension, Blind Pensions, W. P. A.

* As Per Resolution of Supervisors, Feb. 7, 1940

* As Per Resolution of Supervisors, April 2, 1940

TOTAL OVERDRAFTS

TOTAL BALANCES

\$ 7,716.48

Total Expenditures of the County General Fund exceed the Appropriations \$7,716.48.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND RECEIVED

1939—

Dec. 1—BALANCE

1940—

Jan. 4—From Harvey O. Risetter, Chairman Road and Bridge Committee Patronage refund to Lee County from Lee County Service Company to be placed in R. & R. Funds. (Co. Highways)

Feb. 13—From W. Leake, Co. Supt. Highways, Gas refund, 50-50 Maintenance, truck rental and sale of I Beams

Apr. 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, advance on 1st settlement of 1939 tax

June 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector—Balance of 1st settlement of 1939 tax

July 15—From Fred W. Leake, Co. Supt. of Hghys., Refund for sale of material and gas refund

July 15—From Fred W. Leake, Co. Supt. of Hghys., Refund to Lee County for sale of culvert pipe

113.74

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND PAID OUT

1939 and 1940—

March Meeting—Orders Paid

Aug. 8—From Dard T. Miller, Co. Collector, Advance on Final Settlement of 1939 tax

Aug. 10—From Fred W. Leake, Co. Supt. Highways, Rental of trucks, sale of culverts, gas refund, etc.

Sept. 15—From Fred W. Leake, Co. Supt. of Hghys., rental of trucks, machinery, compensation insurance, etc.

Oct. 11—From Fred W. Leake, Co. Supt. of Hghys., rental of machinery, etc.

Nov. 16—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Final Settlement of 1939 tax and former years to 8-1-40

Nov. 18—From Fred W. Leake, Co. Supt. of Highways, Refund equipment rental, sale junk, I Beams, etc.

1,144.28

\$49,539.83

\$60,491.52

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND PAID OUT

1939 and 1940—

March Meeting—Orders Paid

\$ 7,067.78

June Meeting—Orders Paid

September Meeting—Orders Paid

December Meeting—Orders Paid

NOV. 30th—BALANCE IN CO. HGHY. FUND.

\$43,764.16

\$16,727.36

\$60,491.52

TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM FUND RECEIVED

1939—

Dec. 1—BALANCE

1940—

Jan. 19—From Lee C. Tuberculosis Board of Directors

Jan. 20—From Lee County Tuberculosis Board of Directors

Feb. 14—From Lee County Tuberculosis Board of Directors

Mar. 19—From Lee County Tuberculosis Board of Directors

Apr. 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Advance on 1st settlement of 1939 tax

May 17—From Lee County Tuberculosis Board of Directors

June 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector—Balance of 1st settlement 1939 tax

June 18—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Advance on Final settlement 1939 tax

Aug. 8—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Advance on 2nd settlement 1939 tax

Nov. 16—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Final settlement 1939 tax and former years to 8-1-40

6,024.47

\$30,987.53

TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM FUND PAID OUT

1939 and 1940—

March Meeting—Orders Paid

June Meeting—Orders Paid

September Meeting—Orders Paid

December Meeting—Orders Paid

NOV. 30—BALANCE

\$4,839.89

\$4,835.54

\$9,148.34

\$27,771.13

\$5,287.28

MOTHER'S PENSION FUND RECEIVED

1939—

Dec. 1—BALANCE

1940—

Jan. 31—From State of Illinois—Partial Reimb. to Lee County for money expended

Apr. 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Advance on 1st settlement 1939 tax

Apr. 20—From State of Illinois, partial Reimb. to Lee County for money expended

June 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Bal. of 1st settlement of 1939 tax

July 24—From State of Illinois, Partial Reimb. to Lee County for money expended

Aug. 18—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, advance on Final Settlement 1939 tax

Nov. 16—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, balance Final Settlement of 1939 tax and former years collected to 8-1-40

Nov. 30—OVERDRAFT IN MOTHER'S PENSION FUND

\$17,100.01

MOTHER'S PENSION FUND PAID OUT

1940—

March Meeting—Orders Paid

June Meeting—Orders Paid

September Meeting—Orders Paid

December Meeting—Orders Paid

\$4,014.01

\$4,046.70

\$4,492.30

\$4,547.00

BLIND PENSION FUND RECEIVED

1939—

Dec. 1—Balance

1940—

Jan. 18—From State of Illinois, Partial Reimb. to Lee County for money expended

Apr. 11—From State of Illinois, Partial Reimb. to Lee County for money expended

Apr. 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Advance on first settlement 1939 tax

June 13—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Balance on 1st settlement 1939 tax

Aug. 8—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, advance on final settlement 1939 tax

Aug. 16—From State of Illinois—Partial Reimb. to Lee County for money expended

Sept. 11—From State of Illinois—Partial Reimb. to Lee County

Oct. 9—From State of Illinois—Partial Reimb. to Lee County

Nov. 16—From State of Illinois—Partial Reimb. to Lee County

Nov. 16—From Ward T. Miller, Co. Collector, Final Settlement of 1939 tax and former years to 8-1-40

1,543.73

11,772.50

\$18,213.68

BLIND PENSION FUND PAID OUT

1940—

March Meeting—Orders Paid

June Meeting—Orders Paid

September Meeting—Orders Paid

December Meeting—Orders Paid

Society News

Guild Dance Is Successful Event of Last Evening

Pretty feminine guests in becoming formal, with flowers tucked into their curls or worn as shoulder bouquets, tall escorts in tuxedos or tailcoats, satisfying music, and lots of enthusiasm are an ideal combination for holiday dancing parties, and with all those requirements filled, the traditional night-after-Christmas dance of St. Agnes Guild which took place last evening in Brinton Memorial Masonic temple was all that could be desired.

Approximately 200 couples, including many out of town guests and young collegians at home for the holidays, were dancing to rhythmic sound effects provided by Earl Betsworth's orchestra. Christmas wreaths, sprigs of holly, and swags of evergreen studded with huge cones, made a festive background for the evening's gaiety.

Visitors from Oregon, Ashton, Sterling, and elsewhere were among the dance-goers. Among the pre-party hosts were the Joseph Reeds and their son Stephen of Oregon, and the George Beiers of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood Griffith and the Andrus Griffiths of Ashton, and Dr. and Mrs. James Pollock of Grand Ledge, Wis., were among the out of town guests.

Mrs. Oliver Rogers was general chairman for last evening's party. For 30 or 40 years, perhaps longer, the Guild has observed the Christmas season with dancing.

DINNER HOST

Major A. T. Tourtellott was hosting at Christmas dinner on Wednesday for 20 guests. The youngest party guest was the host's little great-granddaughter, Marian Anne Woessner, daughter of the Carl W. Woessners.

Suitable for the South



—From Forstmann, New York

The "pretty suit" is fashion-right for the south under palms or for the north under fur jackets. The model at right, one of the prettiest of the lot, comes in a mesh-like wool cloth in pale blue, lime green and delicate beige. There's news in the wider sleeves and the softer outline of both jacket and skirt. Notice the subtle, bloused fullness above the set-in belt, the collarless neckline with small, pointed revers. There are pleats at the sides as well as back and front of the skirt.

W. R. C. Plans Installation

Dixon Woman's Relief corps No. 218 is announcing public installation ceremonies for Jan. 16 in the G. A. R. hall.

At a meeting held earlier in the week, the corps members heard a resume of holiday welfare work, including a consignment of six lap robes, five pounds of candy, 400 greeting cards, and a quantity of carpet rags to hospitalized ex-service men in North Chicago hospital; gifts of clothing for two little boys, dressing 16 dolls and contributing \$5 in cash to the Good-fellow club; a box of gifts to the Dug-Out at Oak Forest; distribution of popcorn balls, candy and cigarettes for 16 veterans at the Dixon State hospital, and presentation of a poinsettia to John Ford, Dixon's only Civil war veteran.

The business meeting was followed by a gift exchange, refreshments, and a program presented by the students of Miss Charlotte Lou Ruggles' rural school.

Lees Attend Son's Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Lee of 913 Galena avenue were in Kewanee on Saturday afternoon, attending the wedding of their only son, Verle W. Lee of Chicago, and Miss Lucille Atkinson, elder daughter of Mrs. Irene Atkinson of Kewanee. The 4 o'clock ceremony was solemnized at St. Peter's Evangelical church, with nearly 100 guests attending.

Miss Geneva Atkinson was her sister's only attendant, and Webster Larsen of Chicago served Mr. Lee as best man.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents, 1125 North Main street.

Mrs. Lee, who formerly attended Northern Illinois State Teachers college in DeKalb for two years, has been a faculty member in a Kewanee grade school for the past four years. The bridegroom, a former student at DeKalb, later completed a commercial course in Chicago, and is now assistant sales manager with the Aigner Supply company in the loop.

The couple will reside in Chicago.

ENTERTAIN AT FRANKLIN GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Seidel of Franklin Grove entertained with a 7 o'clock chop suey dinner on Thursday evening for nine guests. Those attending from out of town included Earl Nolan, Frank Daschbach, Jr., Donald Beane, Earl Ryan, Herbert Germanson, Paul Crabtree, Edward O'Brien, Patrick Reynolds, and Nathan Drew.

A floor lamp was presented to the hosts by their guests, in appreciation of the Seidels' hospitality.

WED IN IOWA

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Julia Harshman Sprecher, daughter of Mrs. Cora Harshman of Mt. Morris, formerly of Oregon, and Clarence Edgar Barnhart, son of Mrs. S. M. Wadsworth of Mt. Morris, Oct. 19, in a double ring ceremony at the Methodist parsonage in Maquoketa, Iowa. The Rev. Harry Green heard the vows at 4 o'clock.

Miss June Wakenight of Mt. Morris and Elmer Cullens of Oregon attended the couple. The bride wore military blue with a corsage of Talisman roses. Her attendant also chose blue.

The couple are residing at 228 Bowen street, Savanna. The bridegroom is with the Savanna Ordnance Depot.

COMMUNITY SING

Continuing the weekly "community sing" at the Loveland Community House, which were given a successful inauguration at last Sunday's Christmas vespers, music lovers of the city are invited to meet in the west lounge of the main floor of the civic center for informal group singing from 3 to 4 p. m. Sunday.

Ralph Nielsen, who was one of the soloists on last week's program, is to act as leader.

In keeping with the weekly custom, the Community House will be open to visitors all afternoon on Sunday.

RETURNS FROM MID-WEST TOUR

Patrons of the summer theater at Grand Detour will be interested in knowing that one of the young performers, Maurice Blythe, has just returned to Maywood from a three-month tour of the mid-west in "Prologue to Glory." Mr. Blythe, who appeared the past two seasons with the Grand Detour Players, is spending the holiday season with friends in Maywood.

Members of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters will meet in the Knights of Columbus hall at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening.

Snow-Bound in Style



A chic outfit for skiing consists of a hip-length jacket of simple white leather with red suede yoke, cuffs and piping and streamlined downhill trousers of slate blue gabardine. The accessories include a red suede cap, red and white mittens and after-skiing boots of blue suede, edged in leather with white lamb fronts and pompons. Picard designed the ensemble.

HOUSEHOLD CLUB

Members of the Zion Household Science club and their families have been invited to the Howard Sweitzer home, 616 Cedar street, for a chicken supper at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening. Those attending are asked to provide their own table service.

FROM DUNDÉE

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Eichler and daughter Susan of Dundee, Ill., arrived this morning for a week-end visit with the Isador Eichlers.

HONOR NEWLYWEDS

The B. F. Smileys were entertaining with a turkey dinner on Christmas Day, in compliment to their son and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smiley of Belleville. The couple who were just returning from a southern honeymoon, were married Dec. 7 in St. Louis.

The bride is the former Miss Ruth Lindstroth of St. Louis. Mr. Smiley is with the state safety department in East St. Louis.

A 20-pound fish weighs only about one pound in salt water.

Mendota Pair Exchanges Vows

Miss Thelma Friestad, daughter of O. A. Friestad, and J. Arthur McMahon, son of Mrs. Anna McMahon, both of Mendota, were married at 5 o'clock on Christmas eve at the parsonage of Holy Cross Catholic church. The Rev. Father Leo J. Wissing performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnson were the attendants. Mrs. Johnson is the bridegroom's cousin.

The bride was dressed in powder blue wool sheer, with matching hat and black accessories. Gardenias formed her shoulder corsage, and she wore a cameo brooch, the gift of her bridegroom. Mrs. Johnson chose aqua blue crepe with white accessories.

The couple will reside in the Wagner apartments at 605 10th avenue, Mendota.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McMahon formerly attended the Mendota schools. Since graduation, she has been employed in the law offices of John W. Dubbs. The bridegroom is with the Conoco Engineering company.

FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dewey and two children, Doris and Edward of Monterey Park, Calif. arrived in Dixon on Saturday evening to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dewey of Hennepin avenue. The men are brothers.

Red Cross Reserve Nurses Being Called

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(AP)—More than 4,000 Red Cross reserve nurses will be on active duty with the nation's military forces between now and July 1, Brigadier General Charles H. Bonesteel, commander of the Sixth Corps area, said today.

Hundreds of graduate nurses representing all sections of the country have been inducted into service with the Army Nurse Corps or are awaiting calls.

Qualifications for appointment in the reserve include graduation from an approved school of nursing, registration as provided by state laws, affiliation with the American Nurses' Association, American citizenship, single, widowed or divorced status.

The Irish wolfhound is the largest of all dogs. When standing on its hind legs, it is taller than a man.

Honey's density varies, but the standard weight for it is set at approximately 12 pounds to the gallon.

MADISON BAND IS ENGAGED BY ELKS FOR ANNUAL DANCE

Dance-goers who are reserving Tuesday evening for the annual New Year's Eve party of the Dixon lodge of Elks will be interested in knowing that Harry Haugh's orchestra from Madison, a band in constant demand for fraternity dances on the University of Wisconsin campus, has been engaged for this gala event.

Members of the entertainment and house committees are making arrangements to include a large group of guests, including a number of out of town couples who have already made reservations. Two young women entertainers are featured with the orchestra, and refreshments will be served throughout the evening.

DINNER HOSTESS

Mrs. Alice Lawton entertained at dinner on Wednesday evening for Thomas Platten, Mrs. Glenn Swartz and son Glenn of Oregon, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Rickard and daughter Maureen of Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lawton and son Edward, Miss Lucy Lawton of Waynesville, Mrs. George Platten and children, Miss Helen Kennedy, and Fred Lawton.

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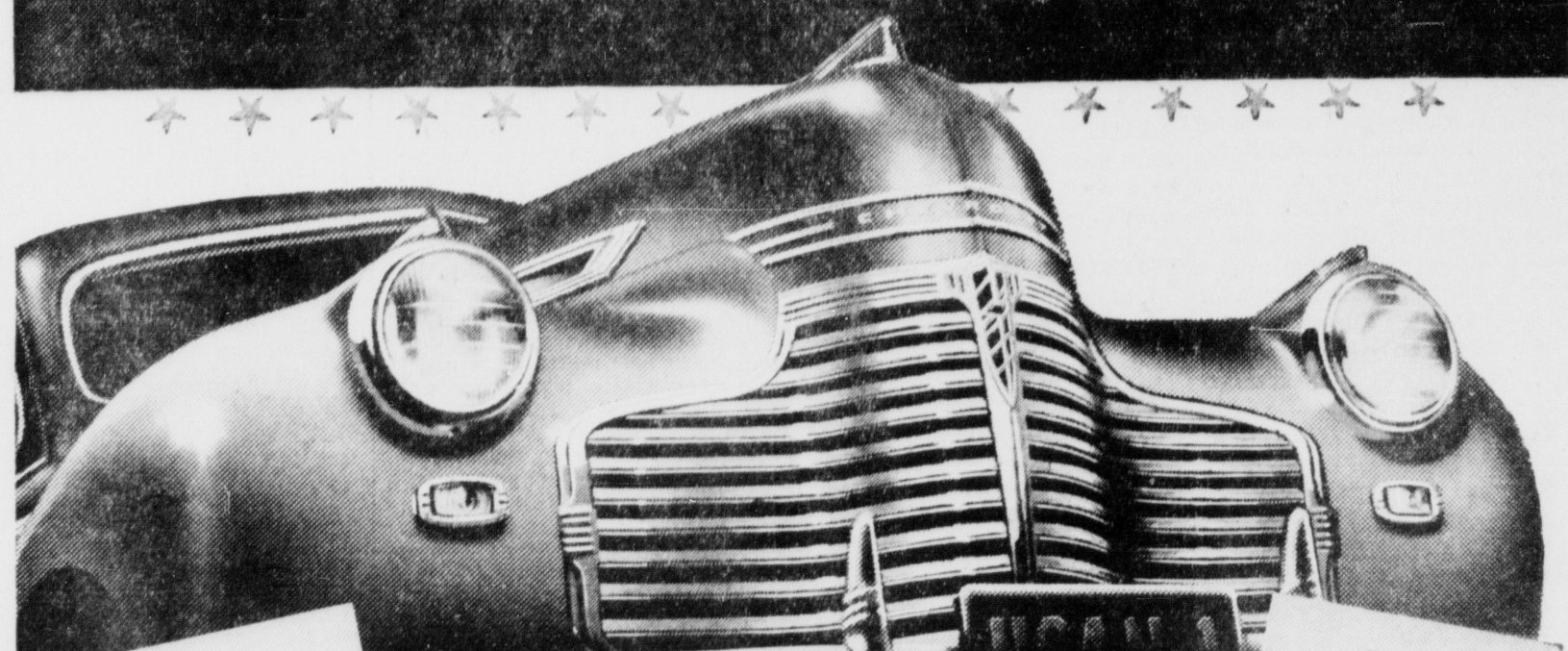
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"Excessive partiality for one foreign nation and excessive dislike of another cause those whom they actuate to see danger only on one side, and serve to veil and even second the arts of influence on the other. Real patriots who may resist the intrigues of the favorite are liable to become suspected and repudiated by those who surrender to them. From the Farewell Address."

Altogether, Now—Pull.

Speculation about the American defense effort may now be put aside. We have the verdict of the man best qualified to know. And his verdict is "Not good enough."

William S. Knudsen, production member of the Defense Commission, has made, so to speak, his report on the first six months of the arms production program. And his considered verdict is that, particularly in the vital field of airplane production, we have fallen 30 per cent short of the goal.

The basic reason for this shortcoming, Knudsen says, is that industry and labor, "the two most important elements," have not been "sold" on the gravity of the situation.

Knudsen believes that there are certain fields in which the only way a marked and immediate increase in production can be shown is by working six or seven days a week instead of five. When such specific situations are uncovered it should be done. There are plants not yet working three shifts which can be placed on this basis. Every situation is its own problem, with varying degrees of urgency and varying degrees of unused productive capacity. It seems certain that more centralized power must be established to iron out quickly specific kinks in the production line.

This does not mean that all social gains of shorter hours and better conditions must be thrown down the drain at once. But the power to increase the pressure at certain points where the bottlenecks are narrow must be granted soon. The situation has become such that unused capacity can no longer be tolerated.

Knudsen is dead right when he says that the public generally is 100 per cent behind the defense effort. And he is right again when he says that "the only way to get this program going is to get a concerted effort and a co-operative effort—an incentive fired with the spirit of sacrifice from everybody from the bench to the manager's desk."

Knudsen hit it again when he said that our

problem is to "prove that a free people are capable of self-discipline and of productive work superior to that of a dictator's subjects."

It is not too much to say that the whole future of free government hangs on what the United States is able to accomplish during the next six months. We believe that the American people are prepared to make any required sacrifices to win through on this front, provided that the sacrifices are evenly distributed.

The armament effort is the joint effort of all the American people, not of classes or groups. It is for their joint safety as a people.

They have never failed before to do what was necessary to be done. They will not fail today.

Seals of Health

Those Christmas seals which you place on the outside of mail envelopes were developed originally in Denmark. The information comes from a bulletin issued by the American Friends of Danish Freedom and Democracy.

The Christmas seal movement was launched in the United States by Jacob Riis, an American citizen of Danish birth. In 1907 Mr. Riis received a letter from Denmark, and noticed that it carried, besides the regular postage stamp, a non-official stamp of pleasing design.

Mr. Riis wrote to the sender asking an explanation, and was informed that the Danish Christmas seal was originated by Einar Holboell, clerk in a Danish postoffice. This clerk, noting the vast quantity of mail handled during the holiday season, thought of a special seal which could be sold for the benefit of tubercular children. Postal authorities favored the idea; the king approved, and Christmas seals followed.

Riis immediately began a campaign to have the idea adopted in the United States. He wrote an article on the subject for the old Outlook magazine. The Riis article was then taken up by Emily P. Bissell of Wilmington, Del., who was interested in raising money for tubercular children. She designed a seal, borrowed \$40 to have 50,000 of them printed and they were placed on sale in the corridor of the Wilmington post office on Dec. 9, 1907. She hoped to realize \$300, but the actual proceeds were \$3,000.

Next year Miss Bissell was helped by the Red Cross and the newspapers, and \$135,000 was obtained. In 1910 both the Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association joined for the purpose of conducting the sale of seals. This co-operation lasted ten years. In 1920 the tuberculosis association alone began holding the sales, and has done so ever since.

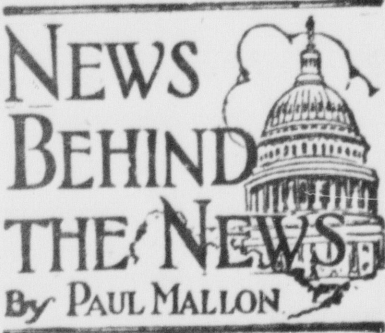
In recent years the sale of Christmas seals has netted more than 5 million dollars annually for the benefit of tubercular children.

Starvation never wrought a good or permanent peace, and disease honors no frontier and is checked by no blockade.—Clarence E. Pickett, Quaker relief worker.

We have a way in this country of waiting until the last minute and then expecting miracles.—Donald M. Nelson, co-ordinator of purchases, National Defense Commission.

What one fears is so much more terrible than what happens—Henry Bernstein, exiled French playwright.

You can keep the baby's finger-prints off your wall paper by having it all pasted on the ceiling.



News Behind THE NEWS By PAUL MALLON

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Washington, Dec. 27.—The British think they know how and when Hitler's desperate all-out blow will come. Their official eyes in the air and unofficial ones on the ground in France, Holland and Belgium (where their intelligence service is excellent) have noted significant preparations.

Rather definite information has reached the Londoners indicating Goering has massed more than 5,000 bombers near strategic take-off spots. The number is almost unbelievable, but more than one person is supposed to have counted them. The obvious deduction is that Goering will hurt these upon the British flying fields in continuous assault to "neutralize" the British air army and clear the way for the invasion. The same tactics were followed by Germany in Poland.

As soon as Goering can report the British air arm sufficiently weakened, the invasion across the channel, and probably also from Norway around to the northwest coast of England, will start.

The British figure the airfield demolition activity will be initiated several weeks in advance of the invasion time, and therefore they expect first signs of the terror to become noticeable by the middle of February, perhaps sooner.

The British are fairly well fixed to meet what they expect. They are short of anti-aircraft guns and will not be able to match the Germans with anything like plane fighters in the air. But their planes are better and they will have the advantage of fighting in home skies. Furthermore, they will not be surprised.

Nearly two million of their men are now sufficiently well trained to be usable on the ground. Since Dunkirk their mechanized units have been well equipped, especially with small tanks.

It is a far different British army Hitler will meet in England than the one he last saw rowing for home last fall.

What makes the British firmly confident of their information about the invasion is that it is confirmed by the diplomatic situation. Casanov news lately out of the Balkans only thinly covers the obvious fact that Hitler has run into a high hurdle there. The militant attitude of the Greeks and the Turks has discouraged the section of the German general staff which advocated a new road of conquest southeastward to the

Suez and Near-Eastern oilfields. The German militarists will not fight on two fronts. They learned their lesson on that in the last war. Therefore, the whole might of the frustrated Fuehrer may logically be expected to be concentrated upon England alone.

Madame Perkins is making no preparations to leave the cabinet Jan. 1. To the contrary she is selecting a new first assistant who will be Don Tracy, head of the teamsters union, with whom she will run the department.

Those legislators who have had an advance squint at portions of the budget, say Morgenthau's treasury department is the only one taking very seriously Roosevelt's proposal to cut non-military expenditures. The treasury budget is cut slightly. . . . Extreme expansion of personnel in the war department's export control administration forecasts sharp expansion of embargoes.

Indisputable signs are evident that Roosevelt has definitely decided not to make the British use their billions of investments in this country to pay for future war orders. His economists all around the government are contending if we strip British investments they will be permanently down and out of international trade after the war.

About 75 house members and 25 senators, far less than quorums, will be on hand until the new congress convenes after the holiday. . . . Several defense authorities are counseling Roosevelt to take up Phil Murray's production speed-up proposal. Although they know nothing of its details, the psychological fact that labor is proposing it and therefore he thought of Willie as one, but he spelled it with one "L".

Deaths

Local—

GUSTAF F. BLOOMDAHL

Gustaf F. Bloomdahl passed away at his home, 1424 Ninth street last evening, following a long illness. He was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 28, 1861 and at his passing was aged 79 years, one month and 28 days. He had been a resident of Dixon for the past 39 years. Surviving are his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Agnes E. Brookner of Dixon and Mrs. Jennie Dockery of Franklin Grove; two grandchildren and one great grandchild. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home, the Rev. C. L. Wagner, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran church officiating and interment will be in Oakwood.

During the month of October, 1940, scheduled air carriers of the United States flew more than 10,000,000 miles and carried about 300,000 passengers without a single fatality or injury.

Obituaries

Local—

MRS. HARRY C. MILLER

Blue Earth, Minn.—Nettie Ankeny was born April 29, 1880 at Somerset, Pa., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Ankeny. At the age of two she moved with her parents to Dixon, Ill., where she received her schooling and grew to young womanhood. The Ankeny family later moved to the present farm in Prescott township.

September 1, 1909, Nettie Ankeny was united in marriage to Harry C. Miller. To this union four children were born: Roy, Harry, Virginia and Edna. Harry and Virginia having preceded their mother in death. The Miller family lived in and near Blue Earth until 1929, when they moved to San Benito, Texas.

For a number of years Mrs. Miller had been in failing health. She passed away December 2, following a short illness.

Memorial services were held at the Methodist church in San Benito, of which she was a member. Services were held at the Blue Earth Methodist church Thursday afternoon, the Rev. C. W. Gilman of Winnebago officiating. She was buried in Riverside cemetery.

Suburban—

HARDESTY FUNERAL

(Telegraph Special Service) Rochelle—David Hardesty, 87 was laid to rest Thursday afternoon in Lawnridge cemetery, following funeral services at the Unger funeral home.

Mr. Hardesty, who had lived in Ogle county most of his life, died Monday night at Lincoln hospital where he had been a patient for about a week. He was born in Ohio on April 24, 1853, and was brought as a child to Ogle county. He had lived in Rochelle for the past twenty-eight years.

He is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Charles Burright of Ashton, Mrs. Dan Coy of Oregon, Mrs. Ethel McCoy of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Frank Kalk of Rochelle; a son Russell Hardesty of LaCrosse, and twenty-five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

His wife, a son Oscar, and a daughter, Helen, preceded him in death.

The Navy Department has 3000 new planes on order. This is split up into 1502 combat planes, 1467 training, and 32 utility. Contracts are being negotiated for 4000 additional planes.

Every particle of our earth, from chalk to diamonds, once was only gas, according to scientists.

HOLD EVERYTHING



"He made the mistake of demanding appeasement from Jerry the Greek!"

'I Am' Founders' Son Spendthrift

Local—

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Letters referring to considerable sums of money sent by the late Guy W. Ballard, founder of the "I Am" movement, and his wife to their son, Donald, formed a new chapter today in the trial of 10 leaders of the organization on mail fraud charges.

Mrs. Ballard and Donald Ballard are among the defendants.

One of the letters, dated May 1, 1937, mentioned payments of \$1,200 for a piano and \$100 a month and remarked that the son had been given "\$11,000 since you got the car last September."

Another advised that Mrs. Ballard was sending him \$1,000 "to pay for the spark plugs, etc." One from his father pointed out that although the parents had sent \$1,000 in one month, he was overdrawn \$900 at the bank.

Young Ballard's former mother-in-law, Mrs. Portia Terry, testified that at an "I Am" meeting here in 1937, her daughter, Marjorie, prevented him from telling the audience the movement was "a fake."

On another occasion the following year, she said, St. Germain, described as an "ascended master," speaking through the lips of the elder Ballard, admonished Donald.

"When Don tried to defend himself, St. Germain in a loud gruff voice, said, 'Shut up,' Mrs. Terry declared.

Asked by defense counsel if she still did not love young Ballard, who has since been divorced from her daughter, Mrs. Terry replied: "I love everybody."

Years Ago

(From Dixon Telegraph)

37 YEARS AGO Charles Bott of this city was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Schadt at Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa, on Dec. 23rd.

Dixon merchants are considering the dropping of the trading stamp plan and sell goods strictly on their merits.

Mrs. Mary E. Turney, one of the early settlers in Dixon, died at the city hospital Saturday night.

25 YEARS AGO Walter Preston escaped serious injury when his horse and buggy was struck by a careless automobile driver on the Chicago road Monday evening.

The Rev. H. McCulloch, new superintendent of the Nachusa Orphanage, will recommend the building of an addition to the institution soon.

Ernest Wernick, 85, of 1001 Palmyra avenue was severely shaken up in a runaway accident yesterday afternoon.

10 YEARS AGO

Judge Harry Edwards has named Mrs. Esther Schwank for appointment as Lee county's first woman court bailiff.

The total contributions to the Goodfellow fund this season amounted to \$2,633.52.

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER 27

Thomas Sutton.

DECEMBER 28

A. E. Barth, Russell School; Guy H. Merriman, Kenneth A. Ruby, Edward H. Witzke; William Thos. Tague; Charlene Wakeley, route 3; Wilma Jean Clymer, route 4; Earl Gascoigne, Amboy; Pauline Thompson, Stevedard; Marvian Austin, West Brooklyn; Grant Biddle, Sublette.

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DECEMBER 30

V. F. W.—Members of the V. F. W. post and auxiliary will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the Woodman hall.

Lodges

(To Be Continued)

SERIAL STORY

CHRISTMAS RUSH

BY TOM HORNER

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YESTERDAY: Jerry is quitting school to marry Val Parks. His cousin means wrecking all of the plans Dr. Connelly and Martha have made for him, means he will have to find a job. Martha warns Val may not want to live on a truck driver's salary. Jerry is happy when they agree to wait the matter over, will bring Val to see them. Late that night Dr. Connelly finds Mary sobbing.

MARY REVEALS A SECRET

CHAPTER V

DR. CONNELLY paused in the doorway, watching the sobbing girl. His heart was full of pity for the lonely child, without a relative near to share the happiness of Christmas.

"Mary," He spoke softly, so not to startle her. "What's the matter, child?"

"Oh!" The dark head jerked up from the pillow, red-rimmed eyes spilling tears down her cheeks. "Oh, Doctor Connelly!"

He was beside her then, his arms enfolding her, shutting out the hurt, his voice quieting her jangled nerves, just as he had so often soothed the pain and troubles of his own daughters.

"There . . . there . . . Go ahead and cry it out. Best medicine in the world for you."

Gradually the girl's hysteria passed. Finally she looked up at him, dabbing at her eyes with a soaked linen square, and managed to smile when he handed her his own huge handkerchief.

"Now, what's this all about? Too much Christmas?" he prompted.

"I guess that was it. Seeing all your family so happy together. I just couldn't stand it any longer. I had to get away."

"We were thoughtlessly cruel—" "Oh, no!" Mary refused to let him blame himself. "I loved it, all of it. You all have been so good to me, including me in your Christmas. I even imagined I actually 'belonged'—that I wasn't really an outsider. Then, when I realized—"

"What made you—" The doctor began, stopped abruptly, switched to an entirely different subject. "I've just come back from the hospital and I'm half starved. How about joining me in a raid on the icebox? There's cold turkey, I'm sure."

"But I look so terrible."

He ignored the protest. "There should be a mince pie around somewhere. Ideal for nightmares."

"Come on, now. I hate eating alone. If you won't join me, I'll have to wake Martha."

THE doctor had been right about the cold turkey. There was plenty of it, and cranberry sauce, too. Mary fixed sandwiches and

he made coffee. He drew upon an endless fund of amusing, personal anecdotes to keep her entertained while they ate, successfully restoring Mary to her normal, happy mood. For the time, at least, the emotional storm had passed.

"That was almost as good as the Christmas dinner," he said as the last of the pie disappeared. "Should keep me awake—coffee and two pieces of pie. . . . Never found anything yet that could keep me awake when I had a chance to sleep." He filled a pipe, lighted it and puffed contentedly as Mary cleared the table. "Let the dishes go until morning."

"They'll only take a minute. . . . No, you can't help. . . . You look entirely too contented to dry dishes." Somehow, though, he managed to evade her protests, found a dish towel.

"You're a senior this year, aren't you?" he asked, making conversation. "What do you intend doing after graduation?"

"I had planned to work with a medical group in China. I'm majoring in bacteriology, you know," Mary explained. "There's so much to be done there. . . . Dad was stationed in Shanghai for three years. He started me on the idea. Jerry says I should go on in medicine, though."

"Too bad he can't prescribe some of that for himself."

Mary busied herself with the dishes, said nothing.

"WHAT'S wrong with this boy of mine?" the doctor asked. "You know him pretty well, don't you? And this girl he wants to marry. If you were in love with him, Mary, would you want him to quit medicine, with only a little more to go?"

A plate slipped from her hands, clattered into the sink. Mary caught it, laughing at her clumsiness. She kept her eyes on the dishpan. "No. . . . If I were in love with Jerry—I spoke slowly—" "I'd never marry him until he finished school and his internship."

"Y. . . . are in love with him, aren't you?" Hugh Connelly's query was as casual as a comment on the weather. He waited for Mary's answer.

"Yes." She did not look at him. "I've loved Jerry ever since I met him at the spring party last year. He doesn't know it. How did you guess?"

Dr. Connelly laughed. "We doctors have a special gift for finding out more than the patient tells us. You have to have it to practice medicine successfully. . . . I'm

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YESTERDAY: Christmas Day is packed with excitement and surprises. After dinner, Martha notices Jerry appears worried. He calls a family conference, announces: "I'm not going back to school."

JERRY MAKES A DECISION

CHAPTER IV

"YOU'RE not—what?" For the first time in his life Hugh Connelly roared at his son.

Jerry's knuckles whitened as he gripped the mantel. "I'm not going back to medical school, Dad. I'm through. I'm quitting."

"Jerry—Jerry," his mother pleaded. "Don't say such things. You're tired, upset. You've been working too hard. You can't give up now."

"That's it, son." The doctor's arm went around his tall son's shoulders, held him tight. "You need a rest. How about a hunting trip? I'll leave things, we'll get away for a few days. Fill you up on good food, and you'll be anxious to get back to work again."

Jerry shook his head. "Thanks, Dad. But it's no use. I like school. I feel swell. It's not that. It's just—well—I'm going to be married."

"What!" Hugh Connelly roared again, drowning out Mary Ward's half-stifled scream. Instantly she was on her feet.

"I think you want to discuss this alone, Mrs. Connelly," she said. "If you'll excuse me—" She ran up the stairs.

There was a long silence. The doctor left his son, standing alone before the fireplace, and slumped in his favorite chair. "Now, Jerry, let's have the whole story. Maybe this can be straightened out."

"Jerry, you haven't done anything—" Martha hesitated, half afraid.

"No, Mother," Jerry answered tenderly. "Unless I should be ashamed of falling in love."

"It's that Valerie Parks—I hate her!" Sheila broke in.

"Let's hear what Jerry has to say first, Sheila," her father commanded. "All right, Jerry, let's have it."

"It is Val," Jerry began. "I'm in love with her; she loves me. We want to get married. There's nothing wrong in that, is there?"

"But we don't even know the

girl—her family. Jerry, how can you do this to us?" Martha sobbed. "You'll love her, Mother. I can promise that. She's coming tonight. Wait till you see her."

"Not tonight, son," Dr. Connelly counseled. "This has come pretty sudden to your mother and me. We'll see the girl later."

"What about this sudden decision to give up medicine? It means ending your career. Have you thought of that?"

"I've thought of nothing else. I know how you've counted on my becoming a doctor, how you planned on my coming back here, working with you. But you've always promised if I decided not to be a doctor, you'd let me quit. I want to quit now."

HUGH CONNELLY was silent, hiding his hurt, afraid to trust his voice.

"But this, girl—this Valerie—who is she?" Martha questioned.

"The girls have told you she drives a big car, that she has a bunch of fur coats—That's true. Her family is rich. Her father is the head of one of the biggest corporations in the state. Her mother is independently wealthy, and Val has a large income from a block of oil wells."

"She's a wonderful girl, Mother. She's real, she's true—everything you could ask for in a daughter-in-law." He dropped to his knees beside Martha, pleading. "Please try to love her, Mother—for me."

"I'll try, Jerry. Bring her over tomorrow."

"But Jerry, have you considered all the angles?" Dr. Connelly interrupted. "How are you going to live? You have no money—no job."

"I know that, Dad. But I'll get a job. I'll drive a truck, run a filling station. We'll get along."

He was smiling now. "How about Valerie? Will she be willing to live like that—as the wife of a truck driver?"

"Val would live in a tent, if we could be together—she said so." He rose, kissed his mother, and turned to leave. "Then it's all right? I can tell Val you don't object?"

"If you've made up your mind you want to quit school—get married—your mother and I will help you. Can you be sure—Own way?"

"Don't be in too much of a hur-

ry to tell Valerie," Martha cautioned. "Let your father and I talk this over. Run along now, I don't want to meet her tonight."

HOURS later, when the shadows of Christmas night had closed in around them, Hugh and Martha Connelly reached a decision. Jerry had gone to meet Valerie, the twins had hurried off to a dance.

They sat before the fire, as they had sat so many evenings before, planning the future for their children. This had not been included in that plan for Jerry, but it was a situation that must be faced.

All of Hugh's hopes had been centered in his son. From the day he had bought Jerry his first book on anatomy, carefully directed his boyish study, Hugh had longed for the day when Jerry would come into the office, a full-fledged physician, ready to take his share of the burden.

That was Hugh's dream. In its realization, he had promised himself a rest, time to do the myriad things he had never been able to squeeze in. He and Martha could take long motor trips, he could buy that north woods cabin, he could go hunting and fishing without a constant worry that someone at home was needing him.

But that was selfish of him. There could be no thought of that dream now. Jerry was, as always, his first consideration.

"If he is determined to do it, there's nothing we can do to stop him," Hugh said at last. "He would hate us always, if we broke up his marriage. The girl may be as he says. We'll have to see."

"But he's giving up everything—his career—he's wrecking his whole life," Martha argued.

"Maybe not. His happiness is our first consideration. He might never be happy without this girl. Now it's getting late. I have to drop in at the hospital. You go on to bed. I won't be late."

IT was after midnight when the doctor returned. He left a light for Jerry, wearily climbed the stairs. He had counted so much on this son of his. Too much, perhaps.

He glanced in the twins' room. Both beds were empty. He walked down the hall to his own room, winding his watch. The sound of someone sobbing disturbed him.

Fanfare

By DON DANIELSON

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

It still puzzles us a little about that New Year's Eve date the Dukes have at Freeport, but as George Schunk of the Journal-Standard says in this morning's bit, "This New Year's Eve basketball game is the celebration of a battle, but should ease the strain on the pocketbook." It's small comfort, but it's the only one. Before the Dukes meet the Dukes, they must clash with the Harlem cagers of Rockford and the meeting is regarded in the Freeport camp as a chance for the Pretzel majors to get back into the victory column. No change in a tentative lineup of Captain Jack Schimpf and Bob Brown, forwards; Dwain Cook, center; John Pinno and Paul Euler, guards, was noted as Coach Merritt Allen began the holiday practice sessions.

ANDERSON AT OHIO

Coach Eddie Anderson, big boss of the Iowa football team, will be the guest speaker at the annual booster club banquet at the opera house on January 16, J. W. Evans heads the committee making arrangements for the event and he is being aided by Joe Doran, Jr., and William Pyrer. Tickets will be available to the public and details of the program will be announced later.

SEEK BASKETBALL GAMES

Elgin National Watch company of Elgin has a basketball team which is seeking traveling games and would like to make arrangements for playing dates with any of the neighborhood clubs. The team is composed entirely of the company's employees and at the present time they are leading both the Elgin and Fox River Valley Industrial leagues. The team is coached by Ad Vance, captain of last year's Northwestern team. For games, managers may address Gordon Howard, Advertising Department, Elgin National Watch Company, Elgin, Illinois.

STORM WARNING TO KEGGLERS

Carl Galos, sponsor and member of the Candy Box bowling quintet in the Thursday night circuit, received a new bowling ball for Christmas and was seen trying it out before the holiday had ended. Carl declares he has to get used to it more, but when he does, it might be wise for the other kegglers of the circuit to watch out.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE HAWKS

With Oregon's victory over Shabbona yesterday in the DeKalb holiday tournament, the Hawks have become among the favorites to continue to the finals of the event. First, however, they must meet Belvidere today. Thus far Oregon is undefeated with 219 points scored in six games for an average of 36.5 per tilt. Their opponents have scored 109 tallies against them and no quintet has rolled up more than 20 points. In the two Rock River conference games played thus far, Ferguson leads his mates with 18 points, nine in each game.

MIXED DOUBLES TONIGHT

Mixed doubles bowling matches are scheduled for the Dixon Recreation tonight at 7:30 p. m. The mixed contests, so popular last season, are now a part of the holiday program at the local alleys and several couples have already indicated their interest.

RESTLESS COLLEGIANS

Bob Leake of Amboy heads a group of collegians from that community who wish to contact the Dixon Knacks for a between-the-holidays basketball game. Several of the Amboy star players, now attending college, are home for vacation and would appreciate the activity.

BASKETBALL GAMES TONIGHT

The Franklin Grove Merchants will be hosts to the cagers of the Dixon State Hospital in a twin ball at the Kersten gym in Franklin Grove tonight with the first game starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Sports Roundup

By EDDIE BRIETZ

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Pull up a chair and let's see what's been going on over the dizzy holidays. . . . For one thing, the first future book on the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap is out. It makes Challeon a 3-1 favorite. . . . and the N. Y. World-Telegram scooped the town with the story that Jock Sutherland has said no to an offer from Ohio State which, in length of contract and dough involved, is said to exceed anything ever offered a coach in college football. . . . Who'll get the Dartmouth job? Well, what big name coach is available except Francis Schmidt.

Xmas Gift Dept.

Just after the Big Ten had o'k'd Helge Pukema, star Minnesota guard, for another season of varsity play, along came your Uncle Samuel and slapped a low draft number on old Helge. . . . Francis Schmidt has eliminated himself from the Tulsa U. picture, but he has recommended Ernie Godfrey, his line coach, for the top spot at Tulsa. . . . Coach Jess Neely of Rice recommended Sammy Baugh. . . . Artful Arthur Jones, U. of Richmond's star back, will talk things over with Coach Jock Sutherland of the football Dodgers at the North-South game in Montgomery this week. . . . Leo Durocher is offering to bet Hamlin, Wyatt and Higbe won more games for the Dodgers next year than Derringer, Walters and Thompson turn in for the Reds.

Today's Guest Star

Bob Stedler, Buffalo Evening News: "Tony Galento craves another opportunity with Max Baer. . . . It should not be given serious consideration. . . . Perhaps the tavern business has fallen off since the days when Tony was New Jersey's fistic idol."

Sports Cocktail

Pittsburgh experts are predicting Fritz Zivic not only will retain the welter title in his return bout with Henry Armstrong, but that he will slip Henry the old kayo as a belated Christmas gift. . . . Christmas cards of Joe Cook, the comedian, were penny posts, each decorated with \$1 worth of Xmas seals.

That Stops 'Em

When Coach Bob Zuppke of Illinois receives an invitation to address a banquet, he is said to send this stock reply: "My price is \$200. . . . You can't afford it. . . . And I'm not worth it."

Careless

"Barman reserves training for Louis," says a headline. . . . If you ask us, he never should have stopped.

HOCKEY SCORES

National League
Montreal 7; Chicago 5

COLLEGE HOCKEY

University of Illinois 6; Santa Rosa (Calif.) Junior College 3.

WORST WEATHER IN HISTORY OF CHARITY GRID GAME HAS EAST-WEST COACHES WORRIED

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The worst weather in the 16-year history of the annual East-West New Year's charity football game had coaches of each all-star team frantic today as rain blotted out precious practice hours.

"We need much more practice than we have been getting for play organization," said Andy Kerr of Colgate, co-coach with Bernie Bierman of Minnesota of the East squad.

But I guess Babe Hollingbery and Matty Bell are in the same boat, and when I say boat I mean boat.

"I've been trying to tell our Eastern boys that it doesn't rain this hard and this long every Christmas season in California, but they look at me with a skeptical eye. . . ."

Plot Indoor Plays

Coaches Bell of Southern Methodist and Hollingbery of Washington State, mentors of the West team, eyed the skies at Palo Alto for signs of sunshine, and plotted plays indoors.

From Berkeley, where the East team is watching the weather at the University of California, word came that Forest Evashevski, the great blocking back from Michigan, was rapidly getting over a mild attack of influenza. He still was kept indoors, but expected to be in the New Year's Day lineup to clear the way for runs by his brilliant teammate, Tommy Harmon. All-America halfback from Michigan.

Harmon was expected back today from Hollywood, where he flew yesterday for conferences with radio and film executives.

UNDEFEATED HOOSIERS OPEN FOUR GAME SWING IN WEST

Chicago, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Coast to coast activities of Big Ten basketball teams will be concentrated on the Pacific side tonight as unbeaten Indiana resumes its four game swing against California opposition.

The Hoosiers, having defeated both Stanford and California, oppose Southern California. They will be after their sixth straight triumph. Tomorrow night they meet UCLA.

On the Atlantic side tomorrow night Minnesota will take on New York U., and Illinois will face Temple. There will be double activity at Columbus where Ohio State encounters Princeton and Michigan plays Pittsburgh.

Illinois began the Big Ten's eastern invasion with a 56 to 40 victory over Manhattan last night. It was the first time the Illini were held under 60 points in three games in Madison Square Garden. However, they did establish a new Garden record for free throws by sinking 18 in a row.

The triumph was their third in four starts. Playing a major role in the victory was Art Mathison, six foot, four inch sophomore center, who bagged 18 points.

OREGON, DEKALB AND BELVIDERE SURVIVE TOURNEY

Rock River and North Central Teams Meet In Tilt Today

GAMES TODAY AND TONIGHT

Hebron vs. Palatine.
Oregon vs. Belvidere.
East Aurora vs. DeKalb.
Waterman vs. Sycamore.

SCORES YESTERDAY

Hebron 26; Glenbard 19.
Palatine 44; Malta 18.
Oregon 31; Shabbona 18.
Belvidere 25; Hinckley 12.
East Aurora 23; Leland 13.
DeKalb 33; Geneva 17.
Waterman 42; Rochelle 17.
Sycamore 23; Batavia 22.

A field of 16 northern Illinois high school basketball teams was cut in half following the opening sessions of the DeKalb holiday tournament at the Northern Illinois State Teachers college gymnasium yesterday and last night.

Of the victims only one was from the North Central or Rock River conferences. In the second of three games last night Rochelle dropped out of the running when overwhelmed by the Waterman defending champions, 42 to 17.

Oregon, the undefeated representative of the Rock River conference, stunned the Shabbona five, 31 to 18, in the first of the afternoon games. Engstrom of the Hawks rolled up a total of 10 points with five buckets and Johnson, center for Shabbona, led the losers with seven tallies. The victory was Oregon's sixth this season and made the Hawks strong contenders for the holiday crown.

Break Losing Streak

In the second afternoon game the Belvidere cagers broke their losing streak of three games by snapping the hopes of the Hinckley five, 25 to 12. The Boone county warriors, representatives of the North Central conference, are scheduled to meet undefeated Oregon at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

DeKalb, tournament hosts, won the first victory of the season last night by eliminating Geneva, 33 to 17. After a close first half the Barbs found the range and outscored the visitors 23 to 8 in the final periods. Plesa and Howard Littlejohn led the DeKalb scorers with 10 points each and Holmes paced Geneva with eight tallies.

Starting the sessions today the Hebron five was matched with Palatine. Hebron routed Glenbard, 26 to 19, yesterday morning and Palatine had smothered Malta, 44 to 18.

Oregon and Belvidere are scheduled for the second game this afternoon. Tonight's program starts at 7:30 with East Aurora meeting DeKalb. The Aurora quintet defeated Leland yesterday afternoon, 23 to 13. In the second game tonight the Waterman five meets Sycamore. The latter team had the narrowest escape of any squad in the opening sessions when the winners nosed out Batavia, 23 to 22.

Box scores:

Belvidere (25)				
Taylor, f.	0	0	1	0
Bright, f.	0	1	2	7
Wright, f.	0	2	0	2
McEwin, f.	0	0	0	0
Schmitt, c.	1	0	0	2
Kotten, f.	3	2	1	8
McCann, f.	0	0	1	1
Funderburg, g.	1	0	1	2
Miles, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	7	6	25

Hinckley (12)				
Morsch, f.	0	0	3	2
Miller, f.	0	0	2	0
Skelley, f.	0	0	0	0
Beckford, c.	0	0	0	0
Leifert, c.	0	0	0	0
Kerns, g.	2	0	1	4
Rissman, g.	0	2	3	2
Totals	4	4	12	12

Score by Quarters				
Belvidere	7	1	9	25
Hinckley	2	4	1	12

Oregon (31)				
Engstrom, f.	5	0	1	10
Leary, f.	0	0	2	7
Ferguson, f.	1	0	2	2
Wachlin, f.	0	0	0	0
Young, c.	0	1	2	1
Bocker, c.	0	2	4	0
Pelsma, g.	1	0	2	0
Blanchard, g.	1	1	2	2
Putnam, g.	1	2	3	0
Reichenback, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	3	14	31

Shabbona (18)				
Bauman, f.	0	0	1	0
Jarvis, f.	0	4	1	4
Johnson, c.	3	1	2	7
Derr, g.	1	0	0	2
Evenson, g.	1	0	0	7
Meniman, g.	1	2	3	0
Totals	6	6	6	18

Score by Quarters				
Oregon	9	3	11	31
Shabbona	0	1	10	18

Waterman (42)				
Schultz, f.	1	0	2	2
Thompson, f.	0	0	1	0
B. Charlesworth, f.	0	0	0	0
D. Charlesworth, f.	0	1	0	1
Agnew, f.	3	0	2	6
Marshall, c.	2	4	2	8
Tate, c.	0	1	1	1
Sawyer, g.	8	2	1	18
Wangler, g.	0	0	0	0
Leisheit, g.	2	2	0	6
Totals	16	10	9	42

Rochelle (17)				
Haas, f.	3	1	2	7
May, f.	1	1	1	3
Roe, f.	1	1	3	3
Totals	5	3	6	17

Knacks Smother Fulton Cagers Last Night

Shaughnessy Frets Over Injuries to Rose Bowl Players

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 27.—(AP)—California skies may be sunny, but not to Clark Daniel Shaughnessy, Stanford's All-America coach of the year. He has exactly 418 pounds of worry on his mind as he prepares his team for the Rose Bowl gridiron classic against Nebraska on New Year's Day.

The quiet, workmanlike boss of Stanford's machine is concerned over the condition of his two big fullbacks, Norm (Chiev) Standlee, weight 216, and Milt Vucinich, 202.

Standlee has a bad ankle. He missed action in several of Stanford's biggest games, and was not at his best in others.

Vucinich did a splendid job of taking over the chief's duties, but he got a knee banged up in a workout Tuesday, and the outlook is bad.

Calm Confidence
Notwithstanding, Shaughnessy gives every indication of calm confidence about the coming game. He never is one to bubble over with optimism, however.

Meanwhile at Phoenix, Ariz., Coach Biff Jones ordered his Nebraska Cornhuskers out for two more strenuous practice sessions today as the team approached to leave for Pasadena.

Although his entire squad was pronounced in excellent condition, Jones is driving the players hard in an effort to make up for the week of practice lost because snow covered one field at Lincoln.

The Nebraskans probably will take only one workout Saturday before entraining for the New Year's Day game. After they arrive in California a "polishing up" session will be the extent of practice.

FOOTBALL HEADLINERS WILL CLASH IN BLUE AND GRAY GAME IN SOUTH SATURDAY

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 27.—(AP)—This deep-south city is bedecked in holiday bunting and welcome signs for the Saturday clash of 44 football headlines in an All-Star game—climax of the Blue and Gray all-sports week.

The session at Cramton Bowl at 1:30 p. m. (CST) marks the third North-South gridiron classic, which promises to be a wide-open encounter.

Light practices were on tap today, the college senior stars from both sides of the Mason-Dixon line supposedly having mastered "battle plans" in the week they've been here.

Co-coaches Carl Snively of Cornell and Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern proclaimed their Yankee outfit "ready to go", and the same word came from the Dixie mentors, Jess Neely of Rice and Raymond (Bear) Wolf of North Carolina.

Both lines will average 200 pounds, while the South's backs will average 186 against a northern average of 179. Largest man on either squad is Tom Riggs, of Illinois, tackle and "Blue" co-captain.

SUGAR BOWL CARNIVAL OF SPORTS BEGINS THIS EVE

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Sugar Bowl Carnival of Sports, bringing champion athletes here from all sections of the nation, begins tonight with the boxing match between Louisiana State and Idaho and ends January 1 with the Boston College-Tennessee football game.

Bobby Riggs was seeded No. 1 in the tennis tournament starting tomorrow, the same spot he has occupied in the past two tournaments. Yachting and rowing races also were set for tomorrow.

Star runners from various sections of the country will vie in the track meet Sunday, and Monday night Indiana and Kentucky will tie up in the annual basketball game. Tennis finals also will be played Monday.

Larson, f.				
0	0	0	0	0
Kunde, c.				
2	0	0	0	4
Tigan, g.				
0	0	0	0	0
McGraw, g.				
1	0	2	2	2
Binz, g.				
0	0	4	0	0
Totals	7	3	13	17

Score by Quarters				
Rochelle	9	7	6	1-17
Waterman	6	14	8	14-42

DeKalb (33)				
Courtney, f.	0	0	2	2
Davis, f.	1	0	0	2
H. A. Littlejohn, f.	0	0	1	0
Piesha, f.	2	4	3	10
Diehrbeck, c.	1	2	4	4
H. D. Littlejohn, g.	5	0	2	10
Peterson, g.	1	4	3	8
Blight, g.	1	0	1	2
Mosher, g.	1	0	2	2
Totals	14	5	19	33

Geneva (17)				
Thompson, f.	0	0	1	0
Soderstrom, f.	0	0	1	0
Smith, f.	0	1	2	1
Young, f.	0	1	2	1
Holmes, c.	3	2	3	8
Hansen, c.	0	1	0	1
Leoncini, g.	0	2	2	4
Freeman, g.	0	0	1	0
Rawson, g.	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	9	15	17

Score by Quarters				
DeKalb	6	12	11	33
Geneva	5	3	4	17



Disputed Bating Championship of National League Becomes Property of Deb Garms of Pittsburgh Club

By JUDSON BAILEY

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The disputed bating championship of the National League became the irrefutable property of little Debs Garmes of the Pittsburgh Pirates today upon announcement of the official averages for 1940.

The dark, silent Texan reeled off a .355 figure for 358 times at bat in 103 games.

His average was the highest in the senior circuit in three years, and there wasn't any question about its legitimacy.

The controversy that raged at the close of the season over the batting leader centered solely on the fact he had gone to bat less than 400 times, the figure which for years had been considered the minimum qualification for the championship in both major leagues.

On this basis, the title would have gone to Stanley Hack, the veteran third baseman of the Chicago Cubs, who batted .317 in 603 times at bat in 149 games.

But in the waning days of the 1940 campaign it was discovered that while the American League had a rule providing for the designation of a hitting champ each year on the basis of 400 times at bat, the National League had no rule of any kind, and its batting championship was only semi-official. A league spokesman said then that the player who participated in more than 100 games and topped the list of official averages compiled by the Elias Baseball Bureau would ascend automatically to the throne.

Utility Man
Garms did just that. He was a utility man for the Pirates, playing the outfield and third base and serving as a lefthanded pinch-hitter. He never was a regular, and right now Manager Frank Frisch doesn't know where he will use him next year.

Three other batters intervened between Garms and Hack in the rankings, but none had 400 times at bat. Virgil (Spud) Davis of the Pirates played in 99 games and went to the plate 255 times to get an average of .326. Ernie Lombardi of the Cincinnati Reds, hurt at the end of the season, batted .319 for 376 times in 109 games, and John Conney of the Boston Bees had .318 for 365 at bats in 108 games.

Based on appearance in 199 or more games, the 10 leaders were Garms, Lombardi, Conney, Hack, John Mize of St. Louis, the 1939 champion, .314; Jim Gleason, Chicago .313; Frank McCormick, Cincinnati .309; Fred (Dixie) Walker, Brooklyn, .308; Enos Slaughter, St. Louis .306; and Carvel Rowell, Boston .305.

Hack and McCormick tied for the most hits, 191, making the third straight year that the husky Cincinnati first baseman had totaled the most base hits. He also went to bat the most times, 618, and made the most two-base hits, 44.

Lead In Total Bases
Mize captured the lead in total bases for the third consecutive year with 368, getting 43 home runs, 31 doubles and 13 triples. It was the second straight year the hulking slugger had led in home

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runs, and by twice hitting three in one game during the season, he became the first National League player in history to perform this feat four times during his career.

Burgess Whitehead of New York had the most singles, 141, and Floyd (Arky) Vaughan of Pittsburgh had the most triples, 15, and scored the most runs, 113.

Lonnie Frey of Cincinnati stole the most bases, 22.

Danny Litwhiler of the Phillies and Slaughter tied for the longest hitting streak of the season, getting at least one safety in 21 consecutive games.

Pittsburgh nosed out the Cardinals for the club batting championship with a group average of .276, one point better than the Redbirds. The Pirates scored the most runs, gave up the most runs to their opponents, had the most two-base hits and the most one-base hits.

St. Louis for the fourth straight year went to bat the most times and for the second year had the most hits and most total bases. The Cards also led in home runs and stolen bases.

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Moose Dance, Friday

Al Grace and his 8-piece orchestra from Rockford has been engaged by the Moose for their dance on Friday night, December 27. Tickets will be available at the door of Moose hall at nine o'clock. Lodge members will be glad to have you in attendance.

K. C. Dance Thursday

A large number of tickets were sold for the K. C. dance which was held Thursday evening at the Bain building ballroom, with Dick Mills and his orchestra furnishing the music.

Grange New Year's Party

All are welcome to attend the New Year's Eve party to be held in the Grange Hall at Plagg Center, Tuesday evening, according to an announcement by the officers of the organization.

W. S. C. S. Meet January 7

The Missionary study group of Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Tuesday afternoon, January 7th at the Methodist church. Mrs. Fred Harris will review the lesson and the hostesses will be Misses Halsne and Thomson. Several special numbers are being arranged for the program. All women of the church and friends are invited.

To Entertain at Tea

Miss Mary Jean Koritz will entertain members of the National Honor Society of the Rochelle high school and alumni of the local chapter, at a tea next Tuesday afternoon, December 30, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Koritz, north Twelfth street.

Economics Class Entertained

The Home Economics department of the Rochelle Township high school, under the direction of Miss Betty Frost, entertained over one hundred parents at a tea from three to four-thirty o'clock, Thursday afternoon. The annual Christmas affair was held in the sewing room at the school. Hostesses were: Marie Schabacker, Helen Roush, Mary Vesta, Miriam Holmes, Emma Peterson, Leona Wigen, Gloria Rand and Donna Baydler poured.

New Officers

New elected officers for the National Honor Society of the Rochelle high school are Ruth Neheim, president; Harry Troop, vice president; and Miriam Holmes, secretary.

Faculty Members Home

Faculty members of the Rochelle schools are taking advantage of the two week's holiday to visit relatives. Among the grade school teachers who are away are: Miss Alice Haertel to Beloit, Wis.; Miss Myrtle Lewis to Oshkosh, Minn.; Martha Rogers to Ucas, Iowa; Arthur Hill to Warrensburg, Ill.; Miss Francis Walls to Rockford, Ill.; Miss Marian Swan to Okauchee, Wis.; Miss Virginia Lockmore to Bradford, Ill.; Miss Margaret Lee to Springfield, Miss Dakota; and Miss Maude Conlan to Franklin Grove.

Among the high school teachers who are spending the holidays at home are: Miss Leona McSweeney to Pittsburgh, Penn.; Miss Ruth Murphy to Miami, Fla.; Willard Gieske to Barrington, Illinois; Miss Virginia Parrish to Oak Park, Illinois; Miss Zoe Traver to Kent, Ohio; Miss Betty Frost to Rockford; Miss Alma Happe to Chili, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Hitchcock to Peoria, Ill.; Miss Margaret Rainey to Macomb, Illinois; and Miss Josephine White to Dover, Ohio.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Claxton spent Christmas at Cherry Valley with her mother, Mrs. William Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pritchard of Esmond have purchased the Willis Eich home on South Third street and moved there recently. Mr. and Mrs. George Leifheit entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mossholder of Dixon. Miss Helen Conroy of Tomahawk, Wis. is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Carl Marxman. Mr. and Mrs. James Rice spent Christmas in DeKalb. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Payne entertained at a family dinner Christmas night. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Petry entertained the Wade family at dinner Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Soar entertained DeKalb relatives on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brough and family attended midnight church services in DeKalb on Christmas Eve, and were party guests of DeKalb friends afterwards. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hills entertained guests from California on Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Law entertained at a family dinner Christmas Day at their home on North Eighth street. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tilton entertained at a family gathering on Christmas evening. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kerr entertained at a family gathering

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Green Mountain Philosopher

When the new Senate convenes in January it will have in its midst a homespun philosopher—Aiken of Vermont. The Senate has had many philosophers, learned and profound. In the old days there was Dan'l Webster with his hand in the breast of his coat, defying Calhoun's lightning. And at the other end of the spectrum of statecraft we have seen Huey Long fascinating the gallery with his brilliant coarseness.

Aiken is homespun without bragging about it. He does not affect the aircooled feet of Sockless Jerry Simpson. Where Aiken has been from it is often 20 below when you go out to bed to feed the stock in the morning. Consequently, the Senator wears clothes. But they are to keep out the weather, not for ornament.

It is too bad James Hamilton Lewis died before Aiken came. What a picture the two would have made! Lewis with spats, colored waistcoat, boutonniere, wig, dyed whiskers, cane. And Aiken by contrast wearing the kind of duds you buy ready-made in Brattleboro. But inside, concealed from profane gaze by their contrasted garb, two men who would have liked each other. Both could see through clothes.

I had dinner with Aiken in Washington some months ago. The conversation turned upon someone, a stranger to the Senator-elect, elect, who has "tried everything" but was always broke, down on his luck. Aiken listened and said, "Has he ever tried work?"

Aiken is so old fashioned that he believes in work. I must confess that he is completely out of step with this modern age. "Living off the government" had not been invented when he was a boy.

But although he has such a curious notions as to believe both boy and man should know the feel of sweat running down his cheeks in the hay field or the foundry, I confess I like this museum piece of a vanishing age. You see, his father and mother were born and bred in the same hillside town where my father went barefoot. All three went to a little one-room school on the north branch of Saxtons River not far from Stratton Mountain where Dan'l Webster made his great speech that men talked about for three generations.

It takes a long time for the sap that gets into a man's bones from that kind of a bringing-up to run dry.

In the adjoining village of Townsend people point out to

you the "Taft Place", and a story goes with it. Way back about 1820 when James Monroe was president, and there were no paved roads, nor flivvers, nor rubber footgear, nor raincoats, a boy grew up in the Taft place. He got to be about 18 and said he wanted to go to college. His father and mother said they would do what they could but it wouldn't be much, and he would have to work his way.

Well the lad "had tried work" already and that didn't faze him a mite. So he said goodbye to his dog and parents dear and started down the road on foot. Amherst College was only forty miles over the mountain and because this "underprivileged child" had never been told he suffered from such a dread disease, the smile of confidence never left his lips as he trudged these forty miles. He got to Amherst, looked it over, and while there learned that another college, Yale by name, was only a hundred miles or so farther on. Before deciding on Amherst he thought he would look Yale over. So he walked the hundred miles to Yale, liked the layout, stayed, graduated, and in time his grandson lived in the same house in Washington which James Monroe had occupied.

Well, that belongs to the "horse and buggy days" now in such disrepute. So perhaps I oughtn't tell it. But wrong as everything was in those bad old days, only yesterday I received some really shameful news. And the next time I see Aiken of Vermont I will have to tell him about a letter I had from the national secretary of the Four H Clubs, that national organization of farm boys and girls. The letter said a survey had been taken of several thousand former Four-H boys to ascertain how many had jobs. I blush to say it, but truth will out. Only eight-tenths of one per cent were unemployed. A very bad record indeed! 99.2 per cent were foolish enough to have jobs! They "had tried work" while the poor darlings were still in their teens. Surely, here is something for the social welfare lobby to investigate! Or the United States Senate!

They might rediscover an old Greek, Hesiod, who lived in 700 B. C. and anticipated Aiken of Vermont by writing, "Before the gates of excellence the high gods have placed sweat!"

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Christmas Eve at their home on North Sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Hiscow of Kirkland were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harms.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Alecock are entertaining her mother from Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rader and family spent Christmas in Roscoe with the C. F. Logan's.

Mrs. D. A. Cannon of Colo, Iowa is visiting with her niece, Mrs. S. W. Dee.

Miss Avis Simmons was a Christmas guest of Mrs. Margaret Miller in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Walters are entertaining his father from Danville this week.

Murray Hodge of Rantoul spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hodge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson entertained at a family dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Witzel were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oellig.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kunde and son were Christmas guests of her sister, Mrs. Marian Glaska in Walnut.

Mr. and Mrs. David Harrett of Waterloo, Iowa, are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lux.

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The teachers of the primary department of the Evangelical church entertained the little folks at a Christmas party at the church Saturday afternoon. After singing Christmas carols and playing games, refreshments were served, and Santa Claus arrived in time to distribute gifts to all.

Mr. John Quincy Adams is in a serious condition at the St. Francis hospital in Freeport, having been a patient there for the past several days.

Miss Mattie De Graff suffered a painful knee injury last week, when she fell on the ice and was confined to her bed several days.

Mrs. Grace Hedrick of Rochelle is spending some time in the Ralph Kitzmiller home. Mrs. Kitzmiller is recovering from her recent illness.

The Junior Workers class of the First Evangelical church are holding a Christmas party tonight at the home of their teacher, Mrs. C. W. Nimrick.

Mrs. George Stubbe and son came Friday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maas, Sr. until after Christmas. On

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Guest Speaker

Roy J. Webb of Chicago, Townsend club field man, will be speaker at a public meeting of Oregon Townsend club at the Coliseum tonight.

Taffy Pull

Miss Harriett Landers was hostess to seven guests at a taffy pull Monday night.

Miss Mabel Hanley who has been ill and was cared for at the home of Mrs. S. J. Hess has returned home.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Turk spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Goebel at Mendota.

Mrs. Frank King of Rochelle was a Christmas Day visitor at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Attorney and Mrs. M. V. Peterman.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin McRoberts enjoyed a family gathering at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis at Chadwick. Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Udell McRoberts of Janesville, Wis., were also members of the party.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Etnyre and George Jr. were entertained at dinner Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Strickler at Polo.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Stock went to Palos Heights Tuesday to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Laughlin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Watson had as dinner guests, Christmas the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Watson of Morrison and Mrs. Watson's father, Edward Berry of Ashton.

Mrs. William Jenkins and family were dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Percy McNish at Rockford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stouffer entertained dinner guests Sunday, Clifford Deyo of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harris and Billy Deyo of Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hollewell and family enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Deets at Milledgeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kuntzeiman and Jimmie were in Stockton to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. G. D. Runkle.

Mrs. George Chambers, son and daughter of Seward were among guests entertained at dinner Wednesday at the home of the former's father, Rev. F. D. Sheets.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ripberger were in Sterling Wednesday dinner guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Goulding.

Mrs. John Q. Ray had as dinner guests Christmas her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ray of Chicago, her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Arnold and grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Arnold.

Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Holloway were entertained at Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. S. O. Garard.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hintz of Highland Park spent Christmas with the latter's father, C. E. Kiest.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Potter and children of Freeport, Attorney and Mrs. G. K. Garard and children were members of a family dinner party Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Tilton and daughter Marion of Dixon were Christmas Day visitors at the W. D. Tilton home.

Miss Betty Leggett is spending a two weeks vacation at her home at Geneva.

Arthur Schick spent Christmas Day at his home in Dixon.

Mrs. H. A. Smith had her four sons home for Christmas, Henry from East Chicago, Robert and George from Chicago and Richard from Purdue University.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Harper and two children were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Myers at Dixon.

Mrs. Earl Bemis spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Beulah Miller at Rockford.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil and daughter Freda were visitors over Christmas of Mrs. Myer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bird Green at Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huffman participated in a family Christmas dinner at the Clarence Huffman home in Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers and family and Mrs. George Myers were dinner guests Christ-

mas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Myers in Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brayton entertained at dinner Christmas, Mrs. Doris Lantz and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Butterbaugh of Rockford, Mrs. Brayton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matheny and the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brayton.

Mrs. Leatha Longman entertained at dinner Christmas Mrs. Grace Moore of Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Esper Diehl and family of Mount Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Huffman and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Myers and son of Decatur spent Wednesday and Thursday with the former's mother, Mrs. Charles Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Etnyre were in Chicago to spend Christmas with their daughter Mrs. William Mather and family.

Curtis Meyers and mother, Mrs. Martha Meyers were entertained at Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Billing at Freeport.

Alien Registration

Postmaster Henry Cottlow announces that up until December 23, fifty aliens have registered at the Oregon postoffice.

Attending Meeting

Curtis Meyers, principal of Oregon grade school is spending the week end at Springfield as delegate from Ogle county in attendance at a meeting of the Illinois Educational Association.

On Furlough

Oliver Ackers of San Luis Obispo, Calif., stationed with the flying cadets at Rantoul, spent a few days furlough in Oregon with Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Waggoner. He was a classmate of Mrs. Waggoner's son Clark Farrell at the Polytechnic school in California.

Showdown Near In French Indo-China

(Editor's Note: Glen Babb, who pictures here the situation in French Indo-China, is thoroughly informed on matters in the Far East. He was for 10 years an Associated Press bureau chief in Japan and China.)

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The efforts of Frenchmen to retain control of French Indo-China, and of Japanese to swing this rich domain into their "greater East Asia" are approaching a showdown.

The Japanese, already firmly established in the northern part of the colony, are showing intense interest in the south, which contains among other desirable things a naval base of great natural strength at Camranh Bay, on the southeast coast, and the rich port of Saigon.

Major General Raishiro Sumita, head of Japan's military mission in Indo-China, is visiting the Saigon area, ostensibly to investigate recent native outbreaks there against French rule.

The same disorders have called governor General Admiral Jean Decoux to the south. The French have given evidence of keen alarm lest the Japanese seize the opportunity to move into the south with troops, planes and warships.

Further, the Japanese are seeking sweeping economic concessions which British and Chinese reports insist will be in effect end French rule in Indo-China. Some 30 French officials arrived recently in Tokyo for the next phase of these negotiations, already begun in Hanoi, and the outcome may become a milestone in Far Eastern history.

Seldom has a land been in sorrier plight to face a power seeking mastery than this Oriental outpost of France's empire.

Invites Domination
The situation is such as to invite Japanese domination—is such, indeed, that the Japanese would be

exercising almost unprecedented restraint if they kept hands off Indo-China is a desirable territory still governed nominally by a broken empire, beset by a vengeful neighbor—Thailand (Siam)—riven by internal discord, divided by the strife of Frenchman against Frenchman—the Vichy-deGaulist conflict.

And Japan, one of the great expanding empires of the age, has a military boot thrust within the door.

Indo-China has become the immediate field for Japan's surge to the south, which history may record as one of its greatest imperial movements. A land larger than Texas and more populous than Spain apparently is in process of changing masters.

The United States has declared its interest in this process. Last September 7 Secretary of State Hull said that Japan's acquisition of bases in French Indo-China—then in prospect, now a fact—would have an "unfortunate" effect on public opinion in the United States.

Japanese Heedless

To this admonition Japan paid no apparent heed. Her troops now are garrisoned in Hanoi, the capital, and Haiphong, chief port of the north; and several bases along the northern border, adjoining China, have been taken over by the Japanese air force.

Japan's army and air forces in Indo-China are more numerous and far better armed than those of the nominal French masters. Within the past few days dispatches from Hanoi have reported the Japanese rapidly enlarging their air bases, bringing in formidable new squadrons of bombers and other types of aircraft.

Trustworthy figures on this concentration of military power are lacking, but it is reported sufficient to impose Tokyo's will on the enfeebled French administration at any time force seems called for, and it is building bases from which still further advances into the rich colonial lands of the south may be launched.

Few experienced observers in that part of the world believe that Japan's foothold in Indo-China is anything but a beginning.

Japan's expansion on the continent of Asia and in its island fringes already was well under way before the European war opened, its latest phase beginning with the conquest of Manchukuo in 1931 and continuing with the invasion of nearly all northern and eastern China from 1937 on.

Stelle Will Broadcast To State on New Year's

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Gov. John Stelle will broadcast a New Year's Day message to Illinoisans over a statewide radio hookup, it was announced today.

Eighteen stations will carry the governor's 15-minute address beginning at noon. They are WLS, Chicago, and stations in Springfield, Aurora, Peoria, Decatur, East St. Louis, Champaign, Rock Island, Bloomington, Joliet, Rockford, Galesburg, Quincy, Tuscola, Harrisburg, Danville and Herrin.

Governor and Mrs. Stelle also will hold the annual public reception at the executive mansion from 2 to 5 P. M. on New Year's Day.

ON AUTO THEFT CHARGES

Geneva, Ill.—(AP)—Two Alton, Ill., youths, Harold Adams and Louis West, both 16, faced arraignment here, Sheriff Marcus W. Danisch said, on a charge of automobile theft stemming from their escape from the St. Charles school for boys last Sunday night. The sheriff said they were charged with stealing an automobile from William Keenan, Elburn, Ill., farmer, during their flight which ended when they were recaptured near Oregon, Wis.

The Boston terrier is an American breed of dog.

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Dr. Forrest Stevens will give a talk on "Symptoms of Erysipelas in Hogs" at the town hall Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Dr. Stevens has kindly consented to give the lowdown on this, one of the newest hog diseases, also some information on necrotic enteritis. He will also be glad to answer any questions concerning your livestock disease problems.

Dr. Stevens has been attending the veterinary school at the Michigan State college at East Lansing, Mich. for the past five years, which is considered one of the best in the United States, and this will be a rare opportunity for every farmer in this community to learn about the animal diseases which cause the farmer heavy losses every year. Every farmer in the district is invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Stouffer entertained at a family dinner Christmas their son and family, the Boyd Stouffers, their daughters, Mrs. Olin Middlekauff and husband and Mrs. Mabel Muller.

Mrs. Arthur Stouffer entertained the H. H. B. club at a dessert luncheon Thursday afternoon. There was an exchange of gifts and the afternoon was spent playing "42".

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Emmert entertained at a family dinner Christmas Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Tracy and son Clarence and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tracy and son Bryant of Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Unger spent Christmas with the latter's father, Charles Whitebread at Dixon.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry New comer were the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker and the Misses Lorene and Paulina Baker of Sterling, Paul Baker of Clinton, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Murray de Arvil and son Kenneth of Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Henderson and son Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wagner and daughter Joyce of Milwaukee and Miss Florence Newcomer of Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burright spent Christmas Eve with the former's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. McClure in Rockford and Christmas Day with Ernie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Burright at Mendota.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leopold and children ate Christmas dinner with the latter's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Witmer at Belvidere.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barbee entertained at a family dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barbee and son, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barbee and Otto Herzfeldt.

Mrs. Augusta Schumle entertained at a family dinner Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Joe Strite and family, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reiken and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Horst and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schumle.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Allen-

berg spent Christmas with the former's parents at Cuba City, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Miller were Christmas guests of the former's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Good at Milledgeville.

Mrs. Eldon Long and son and Mrs. Ed Thomas and Patty left Thursday for Virden, Ill., where they will spend a week with their daughter, Mrs. Ed Schumle and her family and with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Koper and Mrs. George Neher.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Crawford were the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tazewell and Mark's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brownell of Union Grove, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Meader and daughter, Jo Anne, spent Christmas with the latter's grandparents in Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson spent Christmas at the S. M. Mathews home in Morrison. The Andersons spent Christmas Eve with Kenneth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anderson at Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Deihl spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Noble. Mrs. Anna Coddington entertained at a family dinner Christmas the following: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Coddington and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hose of Grand Detour; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Holby of Sterling; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoffman of Polo; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lundholm; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dougherty and Mrs. Myrtle Dougherty of Kirkland.

Mrs. Sam Thomas is entertaining at dinner tonight Mesdames Boyd Stouffer, C. H. Newcomer, William Stengel, Olin Middlekauff, Joe Lundholm and Mabel Muller. The ladies are friends of school days and enjoy a reunion each Christmas season.

Four Meet Death in Train-Auto Accident

Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two men and two women were killed at 2:40 o'clock this morning as a Michigan Central passenger train struck an automobile at the Ninth street crossing.

The dead: Steve Levenduski, 25; Alex Putz, 24; Irene Butler, 24, and Mary Jane Renkawitz, 22, all of Michigan City.

The train dragged the automobile six blocks. The four occupants of the car apparently were killed instantly.

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YO' FOLKS GIT T'BED WIFOUT
WAITIN' FO' ME. AH GOT T'DO
SOMETHIN' AH(GULP?) HATES T'DO-
BUT-AH GOTTA DO IT?-IT'S TH'
ONLY WAY WE KIN BE SHORE
O' HAVIN' SECURICITY FO' TH'
REST O' OUR NATCHERAL
LIVES?!

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MIDNIGHT: THE DOGPATCH BANK.
YOUNG EDDIE M'SKONK, THE NIGHT
WATCHMAN, WHILES THE WEARY HOURS
AWAY WITH HIS HOBBY.

ALL SET?--NOW
AH TAKES ANOTHER
PITCHER O' MAHSELF?!!

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ROBBED—ALL IS QUIET—BUT IN
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OF THE CRIMINAL??—**

A cartoon illustration of a safe robbery. A safe is open, and a camera on a desk is taking a picture. A sign on the wall says "NO TRUST". Two small, round, bald characters are looking at the safe. One character is holding a small object. A small box is on the floor. The scene is set in a room with a desk and a sign.

ABBIE an' SLATS

I--I'M SO COLD--I
CAN HARDLY--MOVE--

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Storm

WHY DIDN'TCHA SIT ON ONE O' THEM **EMPTY** BENCHES? WHY DIDJA HAFTA HORN YOUR WAY IN BETWEEN **US** ?

I FIGGERED ON GETTIN' IN THE GOOD OF ALL THE WARMTH COMIN' OUTA BOTH YOUR BODIES !

IS ZAT SO ?
WELL, I AINT NO **PUBLIC RADIATOR**.

by Dave Coverly

RED RYDER

THE EXCHANGE
OF SHOTS
BETWEEN RED
AND THE TWO
DESPERADOES
CAUSES A
CAVE-IN OF
THE ANCIENT
INDIAN
CLIFF-DWELLING
RUINS.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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Panel 2:
 Man in plaid: IT'S MIGHTY NICE OF YOU-ALL --- SHALL AH TELL YEHUDI HE CAN GO WITH US?
 Man in car: WHOS YEHUDI?

I GUESS THIS ANSWERS MY QUESTION!

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WASH TUBS

A political cartoon set in a room with a striped rug and a lamp. A man in a dark suit and glasses stands in the center, shouting with his arms raised. He has a speech bubble that reads: "VICKI! FROM THE HOUSE FOR CORRECTION. I PICKED HER UP HUNGRY! I GAVE HER WORK! AND SHE BETRAYED US TO THE FEDERAL AGENTS!". To his left, a man with curly hair, wearing a vest and bow tie, sits in a chair, looking up at the speaker with a speech bubble saying "VICKI?". To the right, another man in a suit is seen from the back, looking towards the speaker. The cartoon is signed "NEA SERVICE, INC." in the bottom right corner.

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OR, MORE LIKELY, SHE WAS A FEDERAL AGENT ALL THE WHILE, YES THAT IS IT! A FEDERAL AGENT, NOW SHE FOLLOW ME HERE. COMRADES, WE ARE IN PERIL!



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ALLEY OOP

BY GOSH, I THINK JONS GOT SUMPIN THERE! OL OSCAR BOOM IS NO WLY!

PERHAPS NOT, BUT AFTER HIS MANY SERVICES, RENDERED THE ARMY, I CAN'T SUSPECT HIM OF STEALING A MILITARY SECRET!

BUT YOU ASSUMIN TO HAVE THE WOR FOREIGN AGENT

WELL, THIS IS OF

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NO, BUT—

ting At?

By V. T. HAMLIN

AND YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT THAT THIS IS AN UNLIKELY PLACE FOR SPIES TO BRING A MILITARY SECRET...

WELL, YES, THAT'S RIGHT, JON. BUT--

ALL RIGHT--NOW ABOUT THIS HOLE IN THE LABORATORY WALL...IS IT LARGE ENOUGH TO HAVE ADMITTED THAT MISSING MIDGET PLANE ?

OH, OH!

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8:15 Louie & Weasel—WIND
8:30 Everyman's Theater —
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Happy Birthday—WENR
I Want a Divorce—WGN
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WENR
Wings of Destiny—WMAQ
9:30 Al Pearce's Gang—WBBM
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WGN
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FUNNY BUSINESS



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Silver Shirts of America Dissolve Founder Declares

Noblesville, Ind., Dec. 27.—(AP)—William Dudley Pelley, whose Silver Shirts of America was investigated by the Dies committee, says he has disbanded his organization and come to Indiana to publish books, but his publishers indicated today that the committee still was interested in his ventures.

Carl Losey, former Indiana state policeman and now president of Fellowship Press, Inc., said he learned that committee agents would be here today to investigate the corporation he established to issue Pelley's books and bi-monthly Business Men's Magazine.

"The corporation welcomes such an investigation," he said.

In Washington, members of the House committee declined comment. Last February 10, after four days of testimony before the committee, Pelley was told by Acting Chairman Joe Starnes: "You have identified the aims of your Silver Shirt Legion with those of the Nazi party of Germany."

Keeps His Promise
Losey said that his firm had obtained an old box factory in this central Indiana city of five thousand and would begin publishing within two months, using equipment purchased from Skyland Press, Inc., of Asheville, N. C., which until a month ago issued the Silver Shirt organ "liberation."

The 51-year-old, grey-haired Pelley issued a statement that he had kept his promise to the Dies committee to dissolve the Silver Shirts "if it (the committee) would continue to expose the real subversive activities in our government and the nation." He stated that it was his "sincere intention to resume publication of my books on economics and metaphysics, returning to private life."

Mickey Rooney Best Money-Making Actor
Hollywood, Dec. 27.—(AP)—That little barrel of cinematic dynamite — tousled-haired Mickey Rooney—heads the 10 biggest money-making movie stars for 1940 as selected by the Motion Picture Herald, a trade publication, while his nearest feminine competitor is Bette Davis, in ninth position.

Judy Garland, in 10th place, is the only other actress on the list. Spencer Tracy placed second to Rooney, while following in order came Clark Gable, Gene Autry, Tyrone Power, James Cagney, Bing Crosby and Wallace Beery.

TO CAMP LIVINGSTON
Chicago — (AP) — The famed Black Horse squadron of the 106th cavalry regiment, Illinois National Guard, will leave by train January 2 for a year's military service at Camp Livingston, La., it was announced by Major Roy D. Keehn, Jr., commander.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE
WELL, YOUR LORDSHIP, THAT GOLD BROOD JAKE GAVE ME HAS TURNED GREEN ALREADY AND I DON'T LIKE TO WAVE THE RED FLAG DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON, BUT IF HE DOESN'T BEGIN PAYING BOARD NEXT WEEK I'M STARTING A PURGE!

EGAD, MARTHA, YOU MUST BE AWARE THAT DORING JACOB FROM HIS WORLDLY GOODS IS AS EASY AS SNATCHING AWAY HER YOUNG FROM THE CLAWS OF A MOTHER EAGLE!

SO-HO! THE WARDEN IS RUBBING JOLLY JAKE'S NAME OFF THE TRUSTY LIST! GUESS I'D BETTER DEVELOP AN IDEA BEFORE SHE TOSSES ME FOR A WILD PITCH!

I-UN-I JUST TURNED MY BACK TO LOOK AT TH' DRAWIN' AN' I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! IT JUMPED A THREAD, ER TH' DOG SLIPPED AN' RUINED TH' HULL THREAD!

GOSH--I'D HATE TO SPOIL A JOB NOW WITH ALL THIS FIFTH COLUMN STUFF GOIN' AROUND! A GUY WRECKIN' A JOB THESE DAYS IS AS BAD OFF AS A BEARD AT TH' BORDER!

NO, I DON'T THINK THEY'LL COMB HIM OUT--HE'S WORKED HERE TWENTY YEARS, AND IF TH' ENEMY HAS BEEN LONG TO DO SO LITTLE DAMAGE, WHY HE'S A BIG HELP TO US!

A AND YOU'D BETTER THINK FAST, JAKE.

WAR WORK

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Augustus Staley, Industrialist, Is Dead in Florida

Miami, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Augustus Eugene Staley, Sr., 73, millionaire manufacturer of Decatur, Ill., who pioneered the processing of soybeans, died of a heart ailment here last night.

The founder of the A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company of Decatur was stricken last week at his winter home. His condition became critical Christmas Day.

Most members of his family were at the bedside when he died. Funeral and burial services will be conducted at Decatur.

His survivors were his widow, the former Emma Louise Tressler, whom he married Dec. 14, 1898, and five children, A. E. Staley, Jr., Andrew Rollin Staley, and Mrs. H. T. Dunlap, all of Decatur; Mrs. Ruth Hunt, Highland Park, Ill., and Mrs. David Hugh Annan of Chicago.

The son of a North Carolina farmer impoverished by the Civil War and the reconstruction era, Staley was born Feb. 25, 1867, at Julian, N. C.

After education in a country school, he took a job as a railroad section-hand and later became a traveling salesman dealing in tobacco and groceries. Noting the wide use of starch in the grocery business, Staley decided to buy bulk starch and package it.

Pioneered Business
He rented a room in Baltimore for \$200 a year in 1898 and began business. The first two years were profitless. The third turned a profit of \$9,000 and in the sixth year the profit had increased to \$49,000.

In 1909 he moved near the source of raw material, purchasing the Wellington Starch Works at Decatur. In time he had built a \$20,000,000 industry, becoming perhaps the largest processor of corn and soybeans in the nation. His plant converted soybeans into oil, meal, flour and other products.

Staley relinquished the presidency of his firm to his son, A. E. Staley, Jr., in 1932, becoming chairman of the board.

The manufacturer constructed a million-dollar office-building in 1930 in Decatur. Prominent in civic affairs, he was one of the men responsible for the building of Lake Decatur shortly after the World War.

15-Year-Old State Secret Is Told
BY LLOYD LEHRBAS
Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—After 15 years secrecy, the state department today disclosed the United States had withheld recognition of Albania in 1925 until satisfied that King Zog—now an exile in England—was not implicated in the slaying of two Americans.

The king—then known as Ahmet Zogu (The Bird)—was the hereditary chieftain of 13 Albanian tribes whose ancestors had fought the Turks for 500 years. When allied armies drove the Turks from Europe, "The Bird" set himself up as the feudal dictator of the World War-born nation.

The hitherto unpublished state department dispatches disclosed that Ulysses Grant-Smith, the American minister at Tirana, had reported Zogu once had been sentenced by an Albanian court "as one of those responsible" for the slaying of the Americans.

Zogu was exonerated only after Charles Evans Hughes—then Secretary of State, and now Chief Justice of the United States—had reviewed the trial records, found "political reasons" for the verdict, and received assurances the actual slayers would be punished.

After American recognition, Ahmet Zogu changed his name to Zog, was elected president and later proclaimed king of Albania during a colorful and dangerous career in which he escaped as-

sassination many times.
A Hungarian-American girl, the Countess Geraldine Apponyi, daughter of Count Julius Nagy-Apponyi and Mrs. Gladys Stewart Girault of Virginia ancestry, became his bride and fled with him and their two-day-old son, Crown Prince Skander, when fascist legions invaded and conquered Albania in April, 1939.

Asked Instructions
On Jan. 5, 1925, Minister Grant-Smith informed Secretary Hughes that "Ahmet Zogu is admittedly dictator of Albania and having foreign support will doubtless remain so for some time", but asked for instructions concerning the United States attitude towards the new government "in view of his having been sentenced by a court, whose jurisdiction has not been questioned, as one of those responsible for the murder of Coleman and DeLong".

Robert L. Coleman and George B. DeLong, American citizens, had been slain by bandits on April 6, 1924, in the rocky wilds of Albania.

Hughes replied that "in the event the government of Ahmet Zogu is firmly established" the United States would not indefinitely withhold recognition "since careful examination of the notes of the trial has failed to convince the state department there is any serious evidence to support the charge, apparently advanced for political reasons".

Case Reopened
The American minister then advised the state department that "in spite of the nature of the evidence brought against Zogu at the murder trial it seems the fact that he was convicted is almost the only hope left of eventually securing the arrest and punishment of the murderers and their accomplices who without doubt have received protection from high authority. In order to clear Zogu officially the case is to be reopened".

"I am trying to convince Zogu", Grant-Smith added, "that the only way to clear his name is by swift and searching justice, since he has been branded as a criminal before the world".

Taking advantage of the situation Secretary Hughes then pledged recognition if Zogu promised that "swift and searching justice".

The American minister in a dispatch a few days later advised Hughes that Ahmet Zogu "in order to prove falsity of the charges against him in connection with the murders has taken every possible measure for the arrest and exemplary punishment of those responsible and he is confident that the results will be positive".

Satisfied, Secretary Hughes on January 31 authorized the American minister to extend recognition.

Best Dressed Women of America Picked

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Harrison Williams again heads the list of "best dressed American women". She also won the honor last year. No motion picture stars were named.

The list, compiled by a group of designers and fashion authorities, contains the names of 15 women instead of the usual 10, but absent is the name of

PAW PAW

Richard Meade
Reporter

Baptist Program

The children of the Paw Paw Baptist church Sunday school gave a very excellent program at the church on Tuesday evening, Christmas eve. The very fine entertainment was given in the form of a worship and candlelight service. A very large crowd was on hand for the event and as usual Santa Claus distributed gifts and candy.

The entire choir opened the beautiful service of worship and candle light ceremony, with Bobby Kern playing a guitar solo "Silent Night". A very beautiful and artistic candle light exercise put on by the Intermediate girls followed. The feature was entitled "The Guest of Candies". Those girls taking part in this ceremony were: Norma Coss as The Spirit of the Christmas Candles; Joyce Carnahan as the Candles, along with Vera Ketchum, Helen Gaines, Doris Spears, Darlene Krueger, Jacqueline Wright, Irene Koch, Norma Jean Hartle, Evelyn Cooper and Vernadine Brewer. Edward Overwright and Verle Spears followed with an exercise enjoyed by the audience.

The youngest members of the Sunday school then presented their part of the fine program, in a "Living Christmas Tree". Elmo Dean Smith gave a recitation "A Tiny Tot's Greetings". A very excellent exercise of "Christmas Symbols" was given by Mary Gaines, and Janet Coss, Miss Joyce Tarr then sang a solo, "Away In A Manger". A number of cute recitations followed: "A Thoughtful Son", by Jerry Coss, "A Pleasant Announcement" by Gerald Manahan; "Baby Jesus" by Mardell Luce; "A Good Way to Help", by Francis Smith; "My New Dress", by Marilyn Terry; "Just Like A Man", by Tommy Foster; "Jesus' Birthday" by Betty Luce, and "A Hard Place" by Clifton Carnahan. To conclude the very excellent program Johnny Edwards gave a cornet solo, and Jacqueline Wright rendered a vocal solo, with Charles Wright ending the fine evening's entertainment giving a recitation entitled "Good Night".

Methodist Church Program

The Methodist Sunday school put on their annual Christmas program on Tuesday evening, Christmas Eve. A very good number was on hand to enjoy the evening's entertainment. Mrs. H. C. Barton directed the fine program for the occasion. The primary department opened the program with several numbers including recitations and solos. The main feature of the program was next on the list. This pageant called "The Prince of Peace" was very ably given by the fine cast. In all about 30 persons were in this feature including a concealed choir. As usual candy was distributed and gifts exchanged. All in all the entire gathering enjoyed the fine Christmas program.

Presbyterian Christmas Program

The members of the Presbyterian Sunday school gave their annual Christmas eve program at the church on Tuesday evening. The program included the usual Christmas recitations, songs, and musical numbers in the holiday programs. A good crowd was on hand to witness the program. Christmas candy and gifts were distributed to the kiddies.

Entertains At Bridge Party

Mrs. Arthur Harper entertained three tables of bridge at her home on Saturday evening. High score prize was taken by Mrs. E. N. Gibbs and low score went to Mrs. A. S. Wells. Another prize was awarded to Mrs. L. H. Risetter. The luncheon tables were prettily appointed with red candles and red nut cups placed on white cloths. Dainty red and white napkins gave the tables a very attractive appearance. The lunch also carried out the holiday idea with green Christmas trees placed in a brick of ice cream and red frost-

ing covered the beautiful angel food cake.

Buys Farm at Good Price

Andy Zuber of Paw Paw purchased the Chapman farm of 120 acres for the price of \$131.50 per acre. The Chapman farm is located about four miles straight east of Paw Paw.

Rural Programs Success

The various rural school programs around Paw Paw were in every detail real successes. In spite of bad weather conditions the programs were well attended. The audience in every case enjoyed fine entertainment from the young grade students. A vote of congratulations should be given to Mrs. Frank Nangle, rural school music director. Mrs. Nangle had all the schools in this end of the county, and the addition of the musical parts to the rural programs was very much appreciated by those attending.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kern were Sunday guests at the Alfred Kern home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Heafner entertained the following at a delicious goose dinner Sunday: Antone Heafner, Mrs. Hazel Mead, Mr. and Mrs. William Eggers, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Eggers, Dick Eggers and Miss Weisensaler, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eggers and daughter Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Zinke and baby, Mrs. Josephine Weygandt, Mrs. Ruby Birk and Lester and Roy Eggers.

Christmas Day dinner guests at the Rupert Tarr home were: Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Swanson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Van Dusen and son, and Mr. and Mrs. John Bernardin, all of DeKalb, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanford of Shabbona, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sanford and Dale, Wilbur Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Linden, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tarr, all of Paw Paw.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Olson of Creston were Sunday guests at the Frank Nangle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kern were Ottawa visitors on Saturday afternoon.

Antone Heafner entertained the following guests on Christmas Day: Mr. and Mrs. Chester Willis and daughters, Carol and Norma, of Mendota, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Erlenbach and daughter Shirley, and son Merwin, of Lee Center, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Heafner, and Miss Esther Heafner, all of Compton, Mrs. Willis of Mendota, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Corwin and son Jimmie of Compton, Mrs. Hazel Mead and daughter Doris and Helen, and Frank Clemons.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eich were Christmas Day dinner guests at the Orville Sutton home at Meriden.

Mrs. John Urey returned Saturday from a visit at the Willy Bisgaard home in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Berg of Creston brought her home.

Lowell Urey entered the Great Lakes Training Camp on December 10 and on December 11 he was transferred to San Diego, Calif. where he is an officer on the reserved list.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiley and Mrs. John Prentice and son Jan, were Mendota shoppers Saturday. Mrs. Helen Truckenbrod and daughter Agnes were Christmas Day dinner guests at the Edgar Truckenbrod home near Mendota.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Taber and son Eugene were dinner guests on Christmas Day at the G. B. Taber's home.

Mrs. Sadie Betz, Miss LaBerta Stern and Homer Betz, Mrs. Clayton Faber of Genoa, Mrs. Edith Bennet of Sycamore were in Chicago shopping Wednesday.

Miss Eulalia Breese entertained the members of her second year Latin class at a Christmas party Monday evening. The group enjoyed a very pleasant evening of games and other entertainment after which the hostess served a dainty lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Truckenbrod and Frances, Mrs. Helen Truckenbrod and daughter Agnes, attended the funeral of Mrs. Peter Weber of Mendota Tuesday afternoon. The services were held at the

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Lutheran church. Mrs. Weber was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Helen Truckenbrod.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Vance of Rockford, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bisgaard of Chicago, Donald Urey of Rockford and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Berg of Creston enjoyed Christmas Day at the John Urey home. Mr. and Mrs. Willy Bisgaard will remain for a week's vacation here visiting the Ureys.

Jack Fleming and Everett Urish were Mendota callers on Sunday evening. Roy Riddlebelle has returned from a trip to his home in Georgia.

The usual mid-week services will be held at the church. Attend the prayer and praise service on Thursday evening. All are asked to attend the choir practice.

The Saturday afternoon Bible school has been discontinued for awhile, perhaps to begin again when better weather comes in the spring.

Remember the annual roll call and big dinner to be held at the church on January 4th.

Methodist Church

James H. Hagerty, pastor Sunday school services at 10 A. M. under the direction of Carl Rosenkrans, superintendent. Morning worship at 11 A. M. Epworth League at 6:45 P. M. at the church, a very interesting discussion topic. All young people are asked to attend these meetings.

Presbyterian Church

William M. Mautz, Pastor There will be no Sunday school or church services at the church on Sunday, Dec. 29.

West Brooklyn

Bowling News	
Men's league, 8th week:	
Barbers	W. L.
Bankers	16 8
All-Star	16 8
Blue Ribbon	13 11
Cardinals	13 11
Olivers	13 11
Rams	13 11
Tigers	13 11
C. B. & Q.	12 12
Royal Blue	12 12
Cubs	9 15
Smith Oil	9 15
Schlitz	8 15
Sox	8 16
Team high: Barbers 2500; Blue Ribbon 952.	
High scores: Earl Schnuckel 249; S. Jeanblanc 243; D. Schlesinger 230.	
Schedule for week of Dec. 30 to Jan. 3:	
Monday, Dec. 30—7:00, Royal Blue vs. Sox; 9:00, Blue Ribbon vs. Bankers.	
Tuesday, Dec. 31—7:00, Hams vs. Oliver; 9:00, Schlitz vs. Tigers.	
Thursday, Jan. 2—7:00, Cardinals vs. Barbers; 9:00 All-Star vs. Smith Oil.	
Friday, Jan. 3—7:00, C. B. & Q. vs. Cubs.	
Ladies' League, fourth week:	
Larks	9 3
Blue Ribbon	8 4
Royal Blue	8 4
Happy 5	6 6
Bankers	5 7
Blue Jays	5 7
Wrens	4 8
Cardinals	3 9
Team high—Blue Ribbon 1842; Blue Ribbon 649.	
High scores: Ruth Schnuckel 168; Mossimon 167; Hoerner 166.	
Monday, Dec. 30—Wrens vs. Bankers.	
Tuesday, Dec. 31—Cardinals vs. Blue Jays.	
Thursday, Jan. 2—Larks vs. Royal Blue.	
Friday, Jan. 3—Blue Ribbon vs. Happy 5.	
All games start promptly at 1:45.	

Guests at Montavon Home Mr. and Mrs. George Montavon entertained at their home on

Sunday with a family dinner. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Montavon, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bulfer and Elizabeth Jean of Maytown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Montavon and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Montavon and daughter, Charles Simmons of Rantoul, Ill. and Miss Leone Morrissey of Walton.

Sunday callers at the Irve Terry home. Antone Heafner attended the funeral of Mrs. Rose Kessel Monday at Amboy.

Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dettis, all of Dixon.

Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. George Fassig were hosts to a group of relatives at their home on Thursday evening, entertaining with a six o'clock dinner. The party included Mr. and Mrs. John Fassig, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geuther, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Fassig and children, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, son Ray of this place, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kutter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eich and Miss Marie Foulk of Mendota.

School News

Students of the parochial school held their Christmas program on Friday afternoon which included two plays, also several songs by the children. After the program Santa made his appearance giving each child candy and gifts. Ice cream and cookies was served by Mrs. Velma Hoerner, Mrs. Deloras Miller and Mrs. Caroline Ege to the children and guests. Games and basketball included the afternoons entertainment.

The Talkie, a high school magazine was published this month by the English I class. The staff consists of Dorothy Untz, editorial; Ruth Untz, literary; Martha Zinke, and Betty Miller, school activities; Rosetta Chaon, and Bernice Untz, humor; Nestor Metzger and Robert Henry, sports; Miss Manos, faculty adviser. The magazine is gaily decorated in keeping with Christmas and presents a very attractive appearance.

Mr. Walter has received his Illinois State Life Certificate. This is obtained after one has received an M. A. degree and has taught for five years in the state of Illinois.

The members of the Girls' club held election of officers on Dec. 17, for the second half of the year. Frances Maier was elected president; Rosetta Chaon, vice president; and Verna Lindenmeyer, secretary and treasurer. The high school student, Miss Manos, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walter, son Gary, also grade students and their teacher, Miss Koehler held their Christmas party at the recreation hall on Friday afternoon. A short program was presented, followed by a gift exchange and games.

Domestic Science Club

Sixteen members of the Domestic Science club gathered at the recreation hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18th for their regular meeting and Christmas party. co-hostesses were Mrs. Tena Michel and Mrs. Nettie Meurer. After the business meeting gifts were exchanged with the remainder of the evening spent in playing Christmas games. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 8th with Mrs. Mattie Derr and Mrs. Evelyn Elliott entertaining. Refreshments were served.

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Silver Thimble Club

Mrs. Ruth Vickrey and Mrs. Marge Fassig attended a meeting of the Silver Thimble club at the home of Mrs. Josephine Burkardt at Sublette on Wednesday afternoon. The ladies enjoyed several games of 50 with Miss Leone Brucker and Mrs. Marge Fassig as winners. Christmas gifts were also exchanged by those present. Lovely refreshments were served. This club will meet in three weeks at the home of Miss Leone Brucker.

H. H. Danekas, daughter Fay, and Miss Frances Danekas of Spring Valley left on Sunday for Okaville, Ill. where they will spend two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Minor. Herbert Danekas and Miss Marge Kellen of Amboy accompanied them Okaville on Sunday, returning home the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hoerner visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Theiss of Sublette on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Gehant spent Saturday in Sterling. Charles Simmons of Portsmouth, Ohio, who is now stationed at Rantoul, Ill. visited for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Montavon.

Jos. Mertz and a party of friends of Chicago, spent Sunday at the Herschel Hoerner home. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vickrey and children of Freeport spent Sunday at the Seymour Vickrey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Dingler of Sterling spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. Dingler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernardin. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bulfer and daughter of Sublette visited at the home of Mrs. Bulfer's mother, Mrs. Mary Miester on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Fassig and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Geuther were dinner guests on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Yost of Mendota.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bernardin, son Laverne, of Sterling spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernardin. Miss Marie Foulk of Mendota and Ray Johnson attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Utch on Monday evening given in honor of the children of Rev. and Mrs. Grosshans who are spending the holiday vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mehlhausen of Ashton visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bernardin on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dolan, Esther and Richard, spent Sunday at LaMoille visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Don Harris of Rockford spent Saturday night and Sunday at the Jack and Wm. Wigum home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Metzger and children left the latter part of the week for Parkston, South Dakota, for a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Anthony Gehant spent Thursday in Amboy visiting with relatives. Arthur, Max and Carol Foster, students at the University of Illi-

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nois, at Champaign are spending the Christmas vacation at the home of their parents.

Henry Kihleaar of Peru visited with former friends here on Friday.

Wm. Kehoe of Amboy was a business caller here on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Faber of LaMoille visited with friends here on Friday.

Miss Lea Bieschke arrived home on Tuesday from Chicago where she is attending a Beauty Culture school, to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bieschke.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Gehant, and daughter Joyce spent Sunday afternoon in Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Daie Beemer and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beemer of Indiana visited with relatives here on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bieschke spent Wednesday at Ottawa visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Ruhland.

The California Institute of Technology has no president. Its corporate papers do not call for one.

Coast Guardsmen Saved Yesterday

San Francisco, Dec. 27—(AP)—"Eats" and shelter from driving rain—the two things all hands craved—were supplied in quantity today to 10 coast guardsmen whose rescue mission through gale-lashed seas nearly cost their own lives.

The guardsmen, who put out in two small motor boats from Point Arena Christmas Eve to aid a storm-disabled freighter, were rescued yesterday afternoon off Fort Bragg after nearly 36 hours at sea in their crippled, battered craft.

Sighted first from shore, the guardsmen were taken in tow by the cutter Shawnee and later were transferred to the cutter Ariadne to be taken home.

Boatswain's mate, first class Ralph A. Warren and Ronald Hieber were bruised painfully during the buffeting their boats took, but neither needed hospitalization.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Cecil M. Thomas said giant swells opened leaks on the lifeboats, one a 30-foot motorboat, the other a 26-foot motorized surfboat, and ruptured the gasoline tanks, so they ran out of fuel and had to depend upon small sails.

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